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Landmark Privacy Study Calls for Sweeping Anti-Discrimination Reforms

by Mark Vandervelden, Managing Editor

In the most comprehensive study of its kind, the California Commission on Personal Privacy has recommended to the Governor and the Legislature a sweeping set of proposals to insure the privacy rights of gay Californians. Among the 80 recommendations are specific actions which would expand workplace and housing protections, give legal recognition to non-nuclear families, and ensure the rights of individuals to keep private decisions from the public at large.

Commission Chairperson Burt Pines called the report the most comprehensive study of personal privacy to be conducted by any state in the nation. "Of all of the issues facing the state and the nation, few are more important or more bipartisan than the right of privacy. We hope that the Commission's Report will serve two functions: first, to inform and help educate the people of this state and others as to the right of personal privacy; and second, to operate as a catalyst for further reforms. "The Commission's Executive Director and Report Author Thomas F. Coleman stated, "Unmarried couples and members of 'alternate families' have suffered from various forms of discrimination in our society, especially in the area of benefits. A number of the Commission's recommendations go a long way towards ending discrimination against a significant number of persons living in such relationships."

THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE

On October 9, 1980, Governor Brown signed an executive order which established the Commission on Personal Privacy. His mandate to the Commissin was: *To study the problems of discrimination based upon sexual orientation or invasions of the right of personal privacy, in both the public and private sectors, documenting the extent of such problems, exploring in what forms the problems are manifested, noting existing remedies, and making recommendations for legislative, administrative, and other action where appropriate.*

The Governor acknowledged in the order that "a study of the problems of sexual minorities and of the adequacy of existing law to protect the personal privacy of all individuals is necessary..."

The Report, however, goes far beyond the privacy encroachments faced by gay people. The elderly, disabled, and mental patients are subject to a range of informational intrusions into their private lives. Likewise, applicants for many law enforcement positions are also vulnerable to unreasonable governmental prying. The Report found that as society has moved towards an "informational economy", privacy encroachments are increasing. In nearly every sphere of modern life, (transactions involving credit, insurance, medical care, employment, education, social services, etc.) it has become commonplace for a person to be asked personal information, by unseen persons, to be entered into coordinated, but unaccountable, data banks.

The Commission Report sought not only to explore the problem of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and invasions to fundamental rights to privacy, but to also document the extent of these problems, review the adequacy of existing laws, and recommend changes in those laws. To that end, the Commission found strong evidence that many segments of society suffer from the same privacy intrusions and official discrimination as most gay people do.

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The Commission Recommends...

- California Congressmen hold hearings on sexual orientation discrimination.
- Federal legislation to create a strong and effective national policy on informational privacy.
- prohibition of bathroom surveillance.
- lowering the age of sexual consent.
- greater police training to handle incidents of gay-related violence.
- anti-discrimination legislation for the workplace and in housing.
- enact procedures to recognize alternative family structures to allow all family members to receive benefit programs.
- amend tax laws for "alternative" families.
- mandate sex education.
- freedom of patient choice in hospital visitation.
- major reform of patient privacy rights.
- amend immigration and naturalization act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- 66 other major and minor privacy protection reforms. ■

Behind the Scenes: Making Government Work

by Ellen McCord

Late last month, the California Commission on Personal Privacy presented its final report to the Governor and the Legislature. What started as the determined efforts of four individuals has turned into what may be the most important first step in establishing legal protection for the right of all adult persons to choose their families and sexual partners without governmental bias or intrusion.

Fortunately, I was one of those four people who conceived of and breathed life into the Commission. It was my first experience in the political world and now that the project is completed, I would like to share some observations and information for those who may wish to embark on similar projects.

The first thing I learned is an elected official does not take risks unless there is a political motivation to do so. Former Governor Jerry Brown took the risk of establishing the Commission for many reasons. Two political considerations appeared to me to be of primary importance. First, AB 1, San Francisco Assemblyman Art Agnos' anti-discrimination legislation, has had difficulty passing the legislature because of the lack of documentation of job

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In Reagan's America: Gay Rights Is A First Amendment Issue

by Ronald Gold

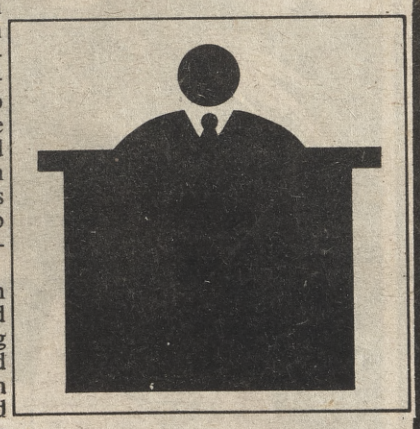
A few years back, the National Gay Task Force surveyed 100 major corporations on their policy toward the hiring of homosexuals. A majority of those queried failed to reply, but nonetheless the results seemed encouraging. Some of the country's largest employers did respond, stating that they did not discriminate and considered their employees' sexual orientation a private matter. But a year or so later, when the Moral Majority was urging repeal of an antidiscrimination ordinance in Dade County, Florida, a gay man who'd worked as a Ronald McDonald clown decided to come out publicly, as proof that association with homosexuals causes no harm to children. McDonald's — one of the companies which said it didn't discriminate — sought and obtained an injunction against any further public statements, on the grounds that "association with homosexuality" would bring its Big Mac into public disrepute.

The standard civil libertarian view has been that gay rights is a privacy issue, but the McDonald's case illustrates as well as any other that we are dealing primarily with a First Amendment violation, in which "privacy" is defined differently for homosexuals and heterosexuals. Heterosexuals are free to show affection in public, reveal the names of the movie stars they find appealing and casually mention their spouses or dates. Lesbians and gay men have been required to be "private" at risk of their livelihoods or lives.

By the late 1960s, Jews in America had long ago stopped changing their names and bobbing their noses; blacks had stopped trying to pass or to "act white" in hopes of majority acceptance; and large numbers of women were breaking away from socially prescribed roles. But only a few brave gay people weren't part of a conspiracy to pretend they didn't exist. Then came New York City's Stonewall Riot, in which some of the brave ones resisted police harassment of a gay bar, and suddenly significant numbers of gay people were declining to join the conspiracy and using the legal system to secure their civil rights.

Since then, quite a bit of progress has been made. There are few places nowadays in which gay people are forbidden to congregate. Two men or two women may now dance together legally (sometimes even when they're a minority on the dance floor). The Federal Civil Service (though not the military, FBI or CIA) has adopted a nondiscrimination policy. Forty-three cities and counties and one state (Wisconsin) have antidiscrimination statutes. The courts have ruled in a variety of contexts that homosexuality isn't tantamount to bad moral character. There have even been positive rulings on First Amendment grounds.

"The Court fully recognizes," a federal district court said in a Delaware case, "that homosexuality is an extremely emotional and controversial topic and that (a gay teacher's) opinions on the subject quite likely represent a minority view. But...the fundamental purpose of the First Amendment is to protect from state abridgement the free expression of controversial or unpopular ideas. The decision not to renew (a teacher's) contract because of his public statements contravenes those most basic teaching of the First Amendment and cannot be tolerated."



So much for the good news. The bad news is that the New Right has seized on this progress as its prime evidence of "moral decay" and is using it as the point of its fear-provoking spear. (Most of the mailings from Richard Viguerie's right-wing propaganda mill begin with the "homosexual threat" and end with the MX missile or the Panama Canal.) As usual, the New Right is a lot clearer in defining the issue than its liberal opponents.

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"We're not going after their jobs," Anita Bryant once said, "as long as they do their jobs and do not want to come out of the closet."

The New Right realized something else civil libertarians weren't aware of: just as there weren't any laws to protect gay people, there also weren't any that mandated silence (laws weren't necessary when social pressures did the job). So they set to the task of framing legislation that would bring back the *status quo ante*.

Take, as a case in point, the section of the infamous Family Protection Act, pending before Congress, which provides that "no Federal funds should be available under any law to any entity for the purpose of advocating, promoting or suggesting homosexuality, amle or female, as a lifestyle." This, its proponents declare, doesn't discriminate against homosexuals. It would simply prevent anybody from even "suggesting" that gay people might, on the whole, be a group of reasonably happy, healthy and law-abiding citizens. It would put every university at risk that dares to share with its students the prevailing views of the medical profession and a major segment of organized religion on the psychology and morality of being gay. It could have a devastating effect on all scholarship in the field of human sexuality; threaten schools with gay studies courses or gay groups on campus; dry up funding for gay counseling and health-care services; and end the recently won tax-deductible status of gay-related organizations.

Another section of the Family Protection Act (which was also proposed, and passed by the House of Representatives, as an amendment to the Legal Services Act) provides that no legal assistance may be offered "to promote, defend or protect homosexuality." Congressman Larry McDonald (D-GA), the framer of the amendment, said during the House debate that the purpose of the bill wasn't to prevent all indigent gay people from defending themselves against discrimination — even though he conceded it would have that effect. "If an individual openly professes his conduct and is discriminated against, we do not want him to have legal aid in his defense," he said. "If, on the other hand, he keeps his conduct to himself and does not bring it into issue then he can walk into any legal aid society as a private individual and get help." Translate "open conduct" into "free speech" and you get McDonald's drift.

A good deal of justifiable alarm has been generated by the Arkansas "creationism" law, but considerably less outcry has been raised about an Oklahoma statute that was one of the first New Right victories. It provides that teachers or teachers' aides may be fired for "public homosexual activity," which is defined as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees." At least the Arkansas bill didn't say that teachers had to stop teaching evolution. But this law, in addition to preventing teachers from engaging in political activity or speaking out on a public issue, effectively prohibits them from providing their students with any scientific information on homosexuality.

These and similar statutes are not the only areas in which the conspiracy of silence is being imposed. These days, many parents are denied custody and visitation rights not because they're gay, but because they're open about it. The immigration service no longer excludes all gay people, only those who say they are. Gay prisoners are denied parole unless they declare that they have been rehabilitated — that is, turned into heterosexuals. Gay inmates are also denied gay rights literature on the grounds that they'd be beaten up for having it. And the currently fashionable argument is not that gay people can't be decent soldiers, firefighters or police officers, but that it would be "detrimental to good order" if people who don't like homosexuals knew there were any around. There is a concerted effort on a variety of fronts to deny gay people their most basic First Amendment right — the right to say that they exist.

The excuse for such an assault on the free interchange of ideas is a familiar one: society, the family, and particularly children, must be "protected" from a harmful point of view. And the reason that this assault has been so successful is that many people who think of themselves as civil libertarians share the New Right's fears. They don't think it's right for gay people to be discriminated against, but they are afraid of somebody telling their children it's okay to be gay. The only way this situation can fundamentally change is when a majority of the people in this country can sincerely say to themselves, "It *is* okay to be gay — even for my children." And the only way that that can happen is when the truth about gay people is available to every child in the land.

It may seem curious that with fear of homosexuality such a hot item, not one "gay book" has been removed from school libraries or one "pro-gay" text summarily rejected by the state of Texas. (Book selections in Texas, the second largest text-book purchaser in the nation, are heavily influenced by textbook censors Mel and Norma Gabler). Actually there aren't any books about gay people in the school libraries, and no sane publisher would dare submit a rational discussion of homosexuality to the Gablers and their friends. Walt Whitman is revered as America's patriot-poet, but not one high school text — no matter how fulsome its biographies of other famous figures — reveals that Whitman was homosexual or includes any of his magnificent gay love poems. Not one civics text includes the gay movement in its discussion of civil rights. And even in the sex education courses so dear to the hearts of liberals, homosexuality is customarily ignored altogether or included only under such headings as "the misuses of sex."

It is up to civil libertarians not only to resist the efforts of the New Right to codify First Amendment restrictions into law, but to end the restrictions which have festered in our society since its beginnings. The battle for gay civil rights is not about privacy but free speech, and civil libertarians of whatever sexual orientation must understand that America's 22 million gay citizens will never have their civil rights if they're not permitted to speak out and be visible.

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discrimination against gay men and lesbians. Governor Brown appeared to want to improve his relationship with Agnos and creation of the Commission was one way he could do this. Second, much of Brown's campaign money came directly from the gay community, particularly Los Angeles and San Francisco. Establishing the Commission gave Brown an opportunity to acknowledge and assist a large constituency which had helped him get elected. This type of political motivation is the key to establishing any project of this sort and I was conscious of these considerations throughout the duration of the Commission's study.

The next important thing I learned in this project is that gays and lesbians frequently become political albatrosses for those elected officials who are openly supportive of us. The Commission may never have been established without the active assistance of other (presumably heterosexual) groups. Hispanic, Black, and disabled groups telegramed, telephoned, visited, and urged the Governor into signing the executive order which created the Commission. As gay people, we owe a great deal to these other groups and individuals because if gay people alone had supported the Commission project, it may never have gotten off the ground. What I learned from this is, in politics, as in daily life, we got power by empowering others. Where we can help with other struggles, we will then find other people to help share ours.

The third most important thing I learned from this project is there is more than one way to accomplish a particular objective. The Commission's primary objective was to document inequities in our legal system that resulted in a built-in governmental bias against gay relationships. We hoped that judges deciding custody cases, employment discrimination cases and other litigations regarding the rights of an individual to select an intimate partner would not be punative to people who selected members of the same sex as their family partners. On closer examination, we found that many persons who are not gay face similar intrusions and difficulties with the legal system, biased as it is toward the nuclear family. In accomplishing the objective of identifying legal protections for gays and lesbians, we focused on other people who are denied the right of intimate association for various other reasons. An example of this is with the aged, who in the final days of their lives (especially in nursing homes) are not allowed sexual expression with any partner. These adults who have had the right to express themselves sexually all of their lives become children of the institution and are denied their sexuality. On the surface, this may not appear to have anything to do with being gay, but it does. If being gay involves the right to love whom we please in private, then anyone denied that right suffers the same discrimination as we do.

In the Commission project, we focused on the needs of non-gay people where they were similar to the needs of gays and lesbians. This put what might be called "gay issues" into a much larger context. In this larger context, these issues are more palatable to judges and elected officials. I have learned that marketing is the essence of politics. Many things can be accomplished if they are presented in ways which do not put a person in the public eye in political jeopardy.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that there is no such thing as a "gay cause". There are many issues which we as gay people must confront each day. If we take the time to push our barriers of isolation away long enough to see where other people's issues lie (gay or straight), we will be much more powerful in resolving our own.

Our political system can work. The doors to the Governor's office were open to us under Jerry Brown. With political motivation, proper marketing, and a coalition of supportive individuals and groups we can continue to work toward the resolution of many of the issues we face regardless of who holds office.

ELLEN McCORD, *a Sacramento human rights activist, served as one of the principal Research Associates for the California Commission on Personal Privacy.* ■

Symposium Set on Lesbian and Gay Aging

The Second National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Aging will be held June 24-25, 1983 in San Francisco. The conference will provide communication across generations for lesbians and gay men of all ages. People who would like to give a life history, presentation, paper, exhibit, film or demonstration at the conference should send a summary of the idea to Program Committee, National Association of Lesbian and Gay Gerontologists, 1290 Sutter St., Suite 8, San Francisco, CA 94109. For more information, contact Judy MacLean (415) 543-2617. ■

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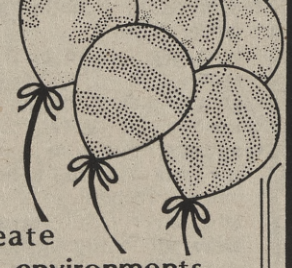
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From the Inside Out

PRIVACY AND POLITICS

The measure of freedom in a democratic society such as ours is the degree to which we are free from intrusion into our private lives. The right to personal privacy is deeply imbeded in our cultural tradition and the law. A strong case can probably be made that if there was such a thing as an absolute right, it is the right to be left alone.

Our nation's forefathers sought to protect privacy rights in the Constitution. Initially, the right to individual privacy was defined territorily, in terms of property rights and the sanctity of the home. As society grew more complex, technological and hierarchical, the simpler notions of privacy have given way to a broader range of considerations encompassing not only one's space, but details of one's life, thought, and decisions. These subtle but insidious intrusions are of particular concern to lesbians and gay men.

In this month's issue of **Mom...Guess What! Newspaper**, we examine some of the many facets of personal privacy which are important to our community. We begin with a report examining the recently released work of the California Commission on Personal Privacy. The Commission's report exhaustively documents lives and the impact on gay Californians. Its conclusions and recommendations could serve as the basis for the gay social and political agenda over the next ten years.

Sacramento human rights activist Ellen McCord was a driving force behind the formation of the Commission. This issue she comments on some of the lessons she learned from working with the Commission.

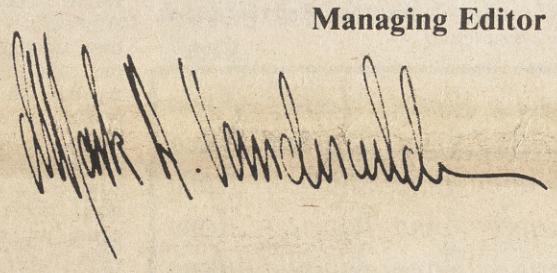
Ronald Gold, in a recent article published by the American Civil Liberties Union (and reprinted here with ACLU's permission), makes the case that gay rights is more than a privacy issue. Gay rights in Reagan's American, Gold says, is a First Amendment issue. There is a concerted effort, he says, to deny gay people their most basic First Amendment right — the right to say we exist.

With respect to all of these issues, the month of December gets mixed reviews. Richard La Voie reports on the political fallout from San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein's decision to veto that city's landmark proposal to extend benefits to "domestic couples". Equus, in his column, says Feinstein had a point in vetoing the proposal, even if it was rooted in dated conceptions of social reality. On a brighter note, a more contemporary view of the world prevailed in Riverside, Ca. where a 29-year-old gay man won custody of his 17-year-old foster son. Closer to home, local gay activist Gary Miller was edged out of an appointment to the Sacramento City Council. To the credit of both Miller and the City Council, the "gay issue" did not come up during public interviews and did not appear to be a major factor in the Council's final decision.

On the other side of the privacy coin, we can probably be thankful that, with few exceptions, corporations do not enjoy the same privacy protections as people. One exception — the alcoholic beverage industry. In this issue, we review a new study which, for the first time, sheds light on "lite"...beer, that is. We also look at the controversy brewing over "nude beer", an invasion of privacy if there ever was one.

Our regular reviews, short features, calendar, and coverage of local goings-on rounds out this month's **Mom...Guess What! Newspaper.** Enjoy your paper, and oh yes, from all of us, have a happy New Year.

Managing Editor



VIEWPOINT.....by Equus

Dianne Feinstein Has a Point, But...

Dianne Feinstein has a point: we should not make radical changes in marital law without a thorough discussion of those changes. Her veto of San Francisco's pioneering ordinance, which would have provided city benefits to unmarried lovers on a parity with married spouses, raises significant issues.

Feinstein reportedly prefers to consider the issue in terms of whether lovers, as a group, need and deserve benefits from the city that are now granted to spouses. The Catholic church of San Francisco cautioned that Harry Britt's legislation would transform the nature of the institution of marriage. Indeed it would, and many view this as the result of California's 1970 "no fault" divorce legislation. Both are merely symptoms of a larger trend, the redefinition of the nature of our relationship with each other.

Before the deluge of information about other societies inundated Americans this century, we were committed to the vision of marriage set forth by Paul in the New Testament. Anthropology has raised new possibilities that other forms of relationship could also be legitimate. The Christian church has ardently opposed any official sanction of relationships other than its God-Man-Woman trinity, in that order.

People have, of course, always behaved in a wide variety of ways beyond the sanction of religion. When done discreetly, every form of behavior was tolerated in the most select of societies, including the Catholic Church. Despite the fact that the national Constitution clearly spells out a division of church and state which would preclude its approval, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that legislators may write laws which enforce the dominant moral code. It has done so saying that society has the right to protect itself, and that is what the moral code is all about. So laws which dictate monogomy as the only legitimate relationship and preclude sexuality in any other situation are seen as valid methods of reaching desired social goals.

The cleverness of the Court in separating the social welfare aspect of these laws from their religious heritage provides the basis for their downfall. If they are, after all, designed to protect society's "social compact", they are subject to change when that compact changes. Today people are willing to tolerate a variety of social arrangements they could not allow in an earlier era. Our laws need to change so that they reflect this tolerance.

It is not enough, however, to merely add live-in lovers as an appendage to the laws of marriage. Current California marriage law is a complex attempt to reflect what most people mean to have happen when a man and a woman say "forever". Its increasing complexity coincides with the appearance of up-front relationships which diverge widely from the traditional concept. The 1970 law which allowed divorce without any reason beyond "I want it" is a major blow to "forever" marriages. The courts now recognize the right of couples to write their own marriage contract as long as it doesn't hear about the sex involved.

As many as 15% of us live in openly non-traditional relationships. Does society owe these relationships the same respect that it gives to marriages?

From the viewpoint of any legitimate societal concern, the answer is yes. If we seek to provide life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without penalties from our government. Basically, this is a rule of law which says that so long as no injury results to others, each of us may act as we please.

Any other formulation is an imposition of a guardianship of one class of people. In our culture, women have been the protected class and men their guardians. As this pattern has unraveled in recent years, our marriage laws have been modified to meet the demands for a different understanding between men and women. The recognition of non-marital heterosexual sexual relationships opened the door for the grudging acceptance of gay relationships as well.

The logic which once supported legal preference for marriage is now heard only in select portions of the Christian church. Soon, the California legislature will be asked to provide a method by which non-traditional relationships can be recognized and those within them will ask for the same rights accorded marital partners. While the debate will generate much heat and many pious paeans to the "holy institution of marriage", it is likely that this decade will see this legislation come to be.

Marriage has become an institution for those who are not willing to reach an agreement about their relationship with another person. It is a haven for the uninformed and weak of will. The state should honor only voluntary, individually written agreements between people. It should get out of the business of writing those agreements for us. Those who seek official sanction for their relationship, whether that takes the form of benefits from the city or enforcement of an agreement through the courts are entitled to the state's equal, unbiased treatment by the state. The state's only legitimate interest is that the agreement be voluntary.

At the very least, when any significant portion of society has determined that it will change part of our moral code, government should take no hand in the struggle between the minority and majority factions. The state of California, at a minimum, should quickly enact legislation which equates all relationships that the participants are willing to register with the state. It should allow persons either to let state law rule their relationship or to write their own relationship agreement. It should give both equal treatment. This is just a first step along a pathway which must ultimately involve us in a redefinition of our relationship with each other. ■

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Assemblywoman Hints Gay Colleagues May Be Fingered

LOS ANGELES — Gay Republican State Legislators may hold the key to passing gay rights legislation, says Assemblywoman Maxine Waters (D-LA). Waters told the powerful gay Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles that she knows of gay Republican lawmakers, though she would not name any particular one. She said such legislators who oppose gay rights are "dishonest" and should be exposed if they continue such opposition. "It's not one of those things where we want to do anything to embarrass anyone," Waters said after the talk. "But it's about time that we bring things down to brass tacks and see if we can't get some of our friends to do a better job of representing their own interests." There are no openly gay members of the Legislature at present. — *Los Angeles Times*

Court Allows Gay Man to Adopt Foster Son

RIVERSIDE, CA — A 29-year-old man has won court approval to adopt his 17-year-old foster son, who had lived with him and his elderly mother for two years. Superior Court Judge George Grover gave David Frater permission to adopt his foster son Kevin after a hearing at which noted feminist attorney Gloria Allred represented Frater's case. The Department of Public Social Services, which placed Kevin in Frater's home two years ago, was tipped off anonymously to Frater's gayness shortly after the placement. The Department had been reluctant to recommend the adoption until December 9, apparently afraid of setting the precedent of allowing an openly gay person to adopt a foster child. Kevin said after the hearing that Frater's home "is the place I've been looking for." Kevin lived in 15 foster homes before being placed with Frater. — *Sacramento Bee*

Researcher Claims Christ Defended Gays in Sermon On The Mount

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Biblical research by a gay man has turned up a surprising piece of news for those who say Christ never talked about homosexuals. Research by Paul D. Hardman, publisher of *The Voice,* a bay area gay paper, has shed new light on the meaning of a phrase attributed to Christ: "Whosoever **shall call** his brother 'raca' shall be called before the council (condemned)..." Matthew 5:22, from the King James version of the Holy Bible. Hardman, through extensive research in many languages, found that 'raca' means a homosexual man in Aramaic, the language Christ used in his Sermon On The Mount, from which the quote is taken. — *The Voice, San Francisco*

New Material on Gays And the Draft Published

SAN DIEGO, CA — A pamphlet explaining issues gay men may face if the draft is resurrected has been produced by a group in San Diego in conjunction with the Midwest Committee on Miolitary Counseling of Chicago. The pamphlet, entitled "The Draft: Gay Questions, Serious Answers" is available for 15 cents from: Military Task Force of San Diego, H68 Union, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92101. — *Cascade Voice,* Washington

Water Causes Gay Cancer, Says S.F. Supe

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — San Francisco's chemical-fouled water is at the root of widespread hepatitis and cancer among gays, says Wendy Nelder, president of the Board of Supervisors. In an interview with *The Sentinel,* a San-Francisco based gay publication, conservative Nelder was asked what she thought was the best thing she could do for gays in the future. "Clean up the drinking water," she responded. Nelder said she thinks the water is the major cause of gay health concerns, and thinks de-polluting water is more important than rent control or live-in lover benefits. — *The Sentinel,* San Francisco

American Attitudes Toward Gays Haven't Changed, Says Gallup

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — A recent Gallup poll shows that American's attitudes towards gays have changed little in five years. 45 per cent of those polled said consensual adult sex should be legal, while 39% said they shouldn't (43% each in 1977). 17% said gayness is inborn (12% in 1977), while 52% say it is caused in childhood. 59% say gays should have equal job opportunities, up from 56% in 1977. According to George Gallup, the 4% margin for error renders the findings relatively insignificant.

Gays Protest Non-Union Produce

SANTA MONICA, CA — About 20 gay activists picked in front of a Lucky's supermarket in Santa Monica to demand that produce grown by Bruce Church, Inc. and Castle and Cook, Inc., two California growers, be removed from the store's shelves. The two companies have no contract with the United Farm Workers. — *Sacramento Union*

'Custer's Revenge' Raises Feminist Wrath

SAN DIEGO, CA — A new video game in which an Indian maiden is raped by General George Custer has Indian and women's groups up in arms. The game, called 'Custer's Revenge', is also opposed by Atari, Inc., whose computers are used to play the X-rated game. Atari has announced it will sue to stop production of the game, which is made to fit Atari computers. Manufacturers of 'Custer's Revenge' have refused to yield to protects and cease production, saying it is not pornographic or harmful to women. 'Custer's Revenge' sells for $49.95. — *The Longest Revolution,* San Diego

NATIONAL

Foul Smells Used To Sure Sex Offenders

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT — A new form of aversion therapy is being tested on sex offenders at the Chittendom Community Correctional Center. Officials have announced that volunteer offenders will undergo a series of treatments to alter sexual behavior. The prisoners will be shown photographs and literature, and will be subjected to foul chemical smells whenever they become sexually aroused. It was not known if the treatment would be used on gays who are not sex offenders. — *Gay Community News,* Boston

Youth Convicted of Movie Murder Re-Enactment

HOUSTON, TX — A youth whose murder of a gay man was inspired by the movie "Cruising" has been sentenced to life in prison for the crime. Ernest Alvarado, the killer, saw the film and decided he wanted to re-enact the killings, said his roommate, who accompanied Alvarado on his search for a victim and later turned him in. Alvarado went to a gay cruising park in Houston and picked up a 49-year-old man, then stabbed the man repeatedly in the back. "Cruising", starring Al Pacino, was picketed by New York gays during its filming in 1980 because it was thought to promote anti-gay violence. — *Washington Blade,* Washington, D.C.

ACLU Begins Fight To End Tennessee Sodomy Law

NASHVILLE, TN — The American Civil Liberties Union here has announced plans to try to eliminate Tennessee's "crime against nature" law. The law, which has been upheld in court in the past, imposes a 5 to 15-year sentence for adults who engage in proscribed consensual sexual acts in private. At its October 16 meeting the ACLU state Board of Directors unanimously decided to fight the law through extensive legislative lobbying. The organization will be working with a state legislator who agreed to introduce a measure repealing the law. — Gaze, Memphis

INTERNATIONAL

Gay Lovers As Good As Married in Norway

OSLO, NORWAY — Participants in stable gay relationships who are not Norwegian residents may apply for work permits under Norwegian law, according to *Lovetann,* a lesbian/gay paper. At present, five non-resident gays hold permits, which are given only to people either married to or lovers with a resident or non-resident who has held a permit since 1975 or before. Under Norwegian law, gay relationships are equivalent to heterosexual marriages for the purpose of issuing work permits. — *Gay Community News,* Boston

Gay Activists Open First Mexican Office

MEXICO CITY — Amid continuing anti-gay repression in Mexico, the Grupo de Liberacion Homosexual has opened the first public office for gay activists in the country's history. The office will provide meeting space for activists and an operations base for the group's newspaper, "Nuevo Ambiente" (New Atmosphere). Acquiring office space has been one of the group's principal goals for quite some time. "With this office we will continue to be a strong part of the national and international Gay Liberation Movement", said a release from the organization. Letters of support and congratulations are encouraged and may be sent to: Violeta L de la Rosa, Grupo Lambda, Apdo. Postal 73-130, Mexico 12 D.F., Mexico. (Please do not use the work 'homosexual' on the envelope as it may be subject to censure.)

Ireland Legalizes Gay Male Sex

BELFAST — Northern Ireland, bowing to pressure from the European Commission on Human Rights, has legalized sex between men over the age of 21. The change comes 15 years after such acts were legalized in England, and two years after Scotland legalized gay sex. Northern Ireland's secretary James Prior said the change was not due to any feeling of justice and gay rights, but because the United Kingdom is bound by an international agreement supporting human rights. To refuse to change the law would have invited international criticism, so the House of Commons voted 168 to 21 to change it.

Britain Finds New Way To Enforce Motherhood

LONDON — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government has found a new way to keep women with children at home. If a woman applies for unemployment benefits, she must be willing to take "reasonable" work if it is offered to her. If her availability for work is questioned by a government unemployment office clerk, she must fill out a detailed form on her work availability. Two questions on the form ask if the woman has children or others dependent on her time, and if so, what arrangements can be made for child care if she takes a job. If her answers to these questions do not meet with government approval, the woman will be denied unemployment benefits. — *Off Our Backs*

Transsexuals Expose Themselves To Protest Court Ruling

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — Two transsexuals demonstrated at a shopping center recently to protest a court decision declaring all transsexuals legally male, despite surgical alterations to their bodies. "The law considers us men," the women told the shopping crowd. "We know that we are not. Now, what do you say?" The two then stripped, one to a brief bikini and the other to a bare chest. Since the law considers them male, they could not be arrested for indecent exposure, since men may expose their breasts legally. It was the first transsexual demonstration in Australian history. — *The Gay Paper,* Baltimore

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Political Editor: Richard La Voie

Feinstein's Future Unsure After Veto

by Richard La Voie

Amid shouts of "Dump Dianne", San Francisco gay activists and Mayor Dianne Feinstein began the process of piecing together what little gay support the one-term mayor has left after her December 9th veto of the "Domestic Partners" bill.

Gay reaction to the veto was swift and angry, if not surprised. Her announcement of the veto at 10:00 a.m. to a group of gay activists and the press led to a hastily arranged demonstration that evening on the front steps of City Hall, where a furious Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver (co-sponsor of the measure) encouraged the crowd in chants of "Dump Dianne", a phrase familiar to those who remember the 1979 "White Night" riot and its aftermath. The same day, a prestigious speaking engagement for Feinstein with the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Houston branch was cancelled by the organization. A few days later, six gay city commissioners, all appointed by Feinstein, issued a clear, though gently worded, statement opposing the veto and asking the mayor to work with the Board of Supervisors in rewriting the legislation to their mutual satisfaction.

Initially, the bill's author, Supervisor Harry Britt, intended to press for a Board override of the veto. Lacking the votes to accomplish this, the bill was reintroduced in a watered-down version thought to be more acceptable to the mayor and the bill's other opponents, Archbishop John R. Quinn among them.

That the bill would give gay or straight unmarried lovers of city employees access to city health and other benefits was often cited as the reason for the veto. A statement by Archbishop Quinn declaring that the measure was "inimicable" to family life and marriage was also thought to have played a significant role. However, Mayor Feinstein has been understandably reluctant to discuss the political factors leading up to her veto, and has been equally silent about its future ramifications.

Opinion varies on whether the veto was political suicide or expediency. As Feinstein gears up for next year's mayoral election, in which she may be challenged by candidates both to the right and to the left of her centralist position, she must consider the needs and wants of several differing constituencies, gays and conservatives among them. Many observers say the veto alienated a section of her supporters she could not afford to lose; others say gays will still support her over a more conservative candidate, and that the veto has made her more popular in conservative circles.

All sides seem to agree, however, that her ability to work with Britt and the other Board members in improving the legislation and passing it will determine the mayor's future in San Francisco politics. ■

Garcia Edges Miller For City Council Seat

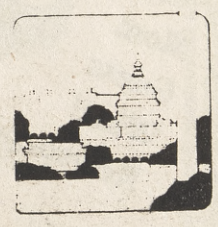
Eva Garcia, 44, local realtor and longtime community leader, has been appointed by the Sacramento City Council to fill the sixth district seat vacated by Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly. Garcia edged out local gay activist Gary Miller. Before the council, Miller emphasized his Democratic party ties and his membership on the joint city/county Human Rights Commission. Miller downplayed his homosexuality throughout the process. In the end, the "gay issue" never surfaced and did not appear to be a major factor in the council's decision. Photo by Mark Vandervelden

Congress Appropriates $2 Million for AIDS Research

The Gay Rights National Lobby's (GRNL) effort to increase funding for research on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) met with tremendous success during the lame duck session of the Congress. Congress passed a Continuing Resolution funding the government for the rest of the fiscal year which runs through September 30, 1983. In the Continuing Resolution, $2 million was appropriated for AIDS research to be conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). In fiscal year 1982, only $500,000 for AIDS research was provided. The funds for AIDS represents a significant victory since there were only two other new health related programs funded during the entire 97th Congress.

The CDC funds will be used to expand monitoring activities in an attempt to learn more about the disease. AIDS has been identified in nearly 800 cases nationwide resulting in almost 300 deaths with two new cases reported each day. Medical researchers still know little about the cause, mode of transmission, treatment or cure for AIDS. It is known, however, that the syndrome causes a profound suppression of a critical part of the body's immune system.

Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL pointed to the extensive use of the field network in securing support from key members of Congress. "This victory demonstrates that the gay community must continue to utilize the same constituent lobbying techniques which are effectively used by other grass roots organizations."



While this initial victory is an important step forward in gaining Congressional support for AIDS research, the effort to obtain more funds for vital research must continue. "Our goal is to turn the ever increasing concern of the gay community about AIDS into effective political action," said Steve Endean, GRNL Executive Director. "Only through major medical research will we find the solution to AIDS. This is a national health crisis that requires a huge research funding commitment from Congress."

Persons who would like to join the AIDS Constituent Lobbyist System or do other gay health issues, should contact Bart Church, GRNL AIDS PROJECT, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013 (202-546-1801). ■

N.O.W. Sets Legislative Conference

The California NOW Legislative Conference will be held in Sacramento January 23 & 24, 1983. Intensive training on the legislative process, lobbying techniques, and ways to make an impact on the system will be provided. Workshops will include issues such as reproductive rights, family law, poverty, economic equity, and discrimination. For registration information contact the NOW Legislative Office, 916-448-5600. ■

Pro-Choice Hotline Serves Sacramento

The Pro-Choice advocates, a coalition of pro-choice organizations in Sacramento, sponsors a toll-free number with up to date information on legislative and state action affecting reproductive rights. This hotline is funded by donations. Please make use of the hotline to update your own information, the hotline number is (800) 952-5678. Pro-Choice Advocates, 1317-A 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. ■

GRNL Seeks Applicants for Midwest Regional Director

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) is opening a regional office to coordinate lobbying efforts in 12 midwestern states, and is conducting a nationwide search for a director to head the Chicago-based operation. The office will be opening in the spring of 1983.

The Midwest Regional Office will coordinate grassroots lobbying efforts in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Applicants for the position of Midwest Regional Director should have organizing experience, administrative skills, and a demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups of people. Public speaking, lobbying, and fundraising experience are also preferred. Ethnic minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply. Starting salary range is $12,500 to $14,000 per year plus benefits.

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter *before* February 15, 1983, to: Ms. Susan F. Green, Field Director, GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013. For more info call 202-546-1801. ■

Gay Rights National Lobby Creates Think Tank

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Gay Rights National Lobby has set up a new organization, The Right to Privacy Foundation, to serve as a "think tank" and training institute concerned with the gay and lesbian civil rights movement. Many organizations provide important education on the issue of homosexuality, but there is no single organization devoted solely to providing the unique educational and research services required to effectively address the public policy questions surrounding national legislation of concern to lesbians and gay men.

The Right to Privacy Foundation will provide a unique program aimed at both the gay and the non-gay public. Education in the gay community will focus on skill development training; education in the non-gay public will stress the public interest questions and implications of federal legislation of special concern to lesbians and gay men, leaving the more comprehensive efforts to multi-purpose groups in an effort to avoid duplication of efforts.

The Foundation's research projects will include documenting discrimination against lesbians and gay men and exploration of utilization against lesbians and gay men and exploration of utilization of technological innovations such as telemarketing, cable television, microprocessing and focus groups. Perhaps most importantly, the Foundation will analyze both pro- and anti-gay arguments and the impact of both pro- and anti-gay bills and amendments in Congress.

The Right to Privacy Foundation can be reached at 750 7th Street S.E., Washington, D.C. (202) 546-2130. ■

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Your Houseplants Need a Rest, Too

by David W. Black

Have you noticed that some of your houseplants are looking a little peaked lately? If that's the case, don't fret, because at this time of the year you should pretty much expect this to happen. During the winter months, like the plants outdoors, your houseplants go dormant and need a rest period because of the decrease in sunlight intensity and duration due to shorter daylight hours and cloudy days. Plant growth slows down and the plant's coloring may be slightly off. With this in mind there are a few things you should do and not do to your houseplants.

First of all you should monitor more closely the watering requirements of your indoor plants. Generally, your plants will require less water now than during other times of the year. However, if your home is kept too warm home heaters will dry out some potted plants real fast. Over-watering is still the number one reason for houseplant failures. So it is best to underwater than overwater. A wilting houseplant is a problem more easily remedied than one that has root rot due to overwatering. Also keep in mind that plants grown in clay pots need to be watered more often than those in plastic or glazed pots.

During the months of December and January it is generally recommended that your houseplants not be fertilized since plant growth has slowed down. If you do any fertilizing at all don't use fertilizers high in soluble nitrogen. However, fertilizers low in nitrogen or organic fertilizers like fish emulsion are okay to use.

The use of your home heater during the winter will be rough for some of your indoor plants. Heaters dry out the air by lowering the humidity - something your plants don't like. You can alleviate the problem by misting daily, using a humidifier, grouping plants together, or by setting your plants on a dry well. A dry well is simply a tray or saucer filled with gravel or sand. Water is added to keep the gravel or sand wet. The potted plant is set on top of the gravel or sand but should not be touching the water. Keep your plants away from radiators, heating vents, and fireplaces. Giving your plants a shower break now and then will not only help to freshen up your prized plants but in addition wash away dust and insect problems.

Q & A

Q. I recently acquired a Weeping Fig. Within a short period of time, nearly all the leaves have dropped. New growth comes out, but it gets spindly, then the leaves drop. Help! What can I do to save my plant?

A. Weeping Fig *(Ficus benjamina)* or Chinese Banyan Tree, as it is sometimes called, is one of the more popular indoor plants, and for good reasons. It is an evergreen tree native to India, which has shining green, leathery, poplarlike leaves that densely clothe the drooping branches; it is popular because it is an attractive tree that can be grown indoors as long as certain cultural requirements are met.

Since this plant is an evergreen tree, it needs to receive maximum sunlight during the day. This means a southern to western exposure. Any place else in your home will not be adequate. Artificial lighting could be the answer in that case.

Weeping Figs are very sensitive to a change in light intensity and quality. If your plant has been growing in a bright light situation and is then moved to a lower light situation, do expect some leaves dropping off. If the light intensity is adequate, your plant will eventually acclimate to the new situation.

If your droppage continues with the new foliage, then there is not enough light for your plant to grow. So you better move it to a new location or use artificial lighting. Another problem that occurs is leaf droppage due to overwatering. Weeping Figs are extremely sensitive to consistently wet soil. Allow the soil to become dryish to the touch, then water thoroughly when you do water.

A drastic change in the temperature from constantly warm to suddenly cold will also cause defoliation.

Do you have a gardening problem bugging you? If so, then write Green Thumbin', c/o MGW, P.O. Box 8170, Sacramento, CA 95818. ■

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Gay Rights National Lobby Appoints New Regional Director

The Gay Rights National Lobby announced that Tanyan Corman has been named the new director of the West Coast Regional Office. Kerry Woodward is leaving that position to pursue a career as a biological illustrator.

Corman, a community organizer in San Luis Obispo, California for gay rights and feminist issues, was on the California Democratic State and County Central Committees before moving to San Francisco in March to work as the Assistant Regional Director. Corman's Background includes involvement in the civil rights and labor union movements, the No on 6 Campaign in California, and four months as an intern with a Congressional subcommittee in Washington, D.C.

Woodward established GRNL's first regional office almost two years ago and has been praised by the organization for her dedication and skilled leadership. Recently appointed to the Alameda County Human Relations Commission, Woodward continues as co-chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and plans to work on a volunteer basis with the Gay Rights National Lobby.

The West Coast Regional Office is responsible for constituent mobilization in 13 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The west coast office also acts as a liaison between the national office and grassroots organizers.

Persons interested in the West Coast Intern Program or volunteering in the office should contact Corman at GRNL, 890 Hayes St., San Francisco 94117 or call 415-621-4500. ■

Record Reviews

Pop Music 1982: A Very Bad Year For Sales, But a Very Good Year for Music

Reviewed by Jim Fitzpatrick

1982 saw record sales reach an all time low. The depressed record industry was forced to lay off hundreds of employees from all major labels, and fewer and fewer records were released.

Despite poor record sales, the music we heard was the best we've heard in a long time. There were very good new albums from some all-time favorite artists—Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello, Sylvester, Aretha Franklin, the J. Geils Band, Donna Summer, Bruce Springstein, Fleetwood Mac, Simon & Garfunkel, to name a few.

And, with the exception of Asia, records from such "no-name" bands as Styx, Journey and Boston all but disappeared from the charts, reversing the trend of the past few years. The bland, faceless music of such groups have been replaced by a fresh, revitalized rock sound—hit music by ABC, Men at Work, a Flock of Seagulls, the Stray Cats, the Tom Tom Club, Josie Cotton and, of course, the Go-Go's.

Britain's New Romantics sound crossed the Atlantic with the progressive sound of synth bands like the Human League, Depeche Mode, Soft Cell, Yaz, Heaven 17 and Orchaestral Manouevres in the Dark.

It was also a very good year for gays in pop music. On the new-music dance scene, Pete Shelley's "Homosapien" took discos by storm, and was banned in England for the line "Homo-superior in my interior." Josie Cotton's "Johnny, Are You Queer?" also hit big in selected dance clubs and caused such notoriety, a fundamentalist religion group went on TV to say the record promoted deviant lifestyles because it (a 12-inch single) was played at 45 rmp, and a record that size was supposed to be played at 33 rpm. And Elton Motello's "Jet Boy, Jet Girl," although originally released several years ago, became a big dance club hit in 1982. It took a more bizarre, lyrically explicit direction with lyrics like "I took his arm and kissed his lips/We booked a room into the Ritz/Oo, oo, oo, ooo...He gives me head."

On the new romantics side, Depeche Mode sang of young gay love on their debut LP, **Speak & Spell.** In the techno-disco hit "Boys Say Go!", they playfully toyed with lyrics like "Boys meet boys, get together/boys meet boys, it's forever/Don't say no, boys say go!" And in the melodic, the Beach Boys "What's Your Name?" the band captures the joy and wonder of discovering same-sex attraction for the first time ("Hey, you're such a pretty boy.")

But 1982 also ended on a sad note, with the death of gay disco's most progressive producer/artist, Patrick Cowley. Cowley first achieved wide recognition last year when his hit "Menergy" soared to the top of Billboards' disco charts. That single was followed by his first solo LP, **Megatron Man,** released on his own Megatone Records label. That album also yielded several big dance club hits. He followed these up with other projects, including Paul Parker's "Right on Target"/"Pushin' Too Hard" 12-inch single and Sylvester's smash "Do Ya Wanna Funk." Cowley's most recent solo LP, **Mind Warp,** released just a month before his death, conveys many of the thoughts, fears and anger he experienced during his year-long fight with acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Although Cowley's death leaves a void in dance music, his influence is strong, and we will be hearing a lot of Patrick Cowley in the years to come. Marty Blecman, co-founder of Megatone Records, has started the Patrick Cowley Memorial Fund, and contributions may be made through the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation of San Francisco.

For The Record—Best Recordings of 1982

1. "The Message," Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five (Sugar Hill 12-inch)
2. **Nebraska,** Bruce Springstein (Columbia)
3. **1999,** Prince (Warner Bros.)
4. "Protection," Donna Summer (from **Donna Summer,** Geffen)
5. **Speak & Spell,** Depeche Mode, (Sire)
6. **Night and Day,** Joe Jackson (A&M)
7. "Tainted Love/Where Did Our Love Go," Soft Cell (Sire 12-inch)
8. **Freeze Frame,** J. Geils Band (EMI America)
9. "I Like Plastic," Marsha Raven (Red Bus 12-inch import)
10. "Never Say Never," Romeo Void (from **Never Say Never,** 415 Records EP)

Best Disco/Dance

1. "Gloria," Laura Branigan (Atlantic 12-inch)
2. "It's Raining Men," the Weather Girls (Columbia 12-inch)
3. "Designer Music," Lipps Inc. (Casablanca 12-inch remix)
4. "Mickey," Toni Basill (Chrysalis)
5. "Just Be Yourself," Nightlife Unlimited (Unidisc 12-inch remix import)
6. "The Beat Escape," Fingerprintz (Virgin 12-inch import)
7. "Do Ya Wanna Funk," Patrick Cowley featuring Sylvester (Megatone 12-inch)
8. "Stormy Weather," Viola Wills (Sunergy 12-inch)
9. "Trippin' on the Moon," Cerrone (Sacem 12-inch import)
10. "Penthouse and Pavement," Heaven 17 (Virgin 12-inch import) ■

Heterosexual Questionnaire

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?
4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of the same sex?
5. Isn't it possible that all you need is a good Gay lover?
6. Heterosexuals have histories of failures in Gay relationships. Do you think you may have turned to heterosexuality out of fear of rejection?
7. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, how do you know you wouldn't prefer that?
8. If heterosexuality is normal, why are a disproportionate number of mental patients heterosexual?
9. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
10. Your heterosexuality doesn't offend me as long as you don't try to force it on me. Why do you people feel compelled to seduce others into your sexual orientation?
11. If you choose to nurture children, would you want them to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they would face?
12. The great majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
13. Why do you insist on being so obvious, and making a public spectacle of your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
14. How can you ever hope to become a whole person if you limit yourself to a compulsive, exclusive heterosexual object choice, and remain unwilling to explore and develop your normal, natural, health, God-given homosexual potential?
15. Heterosexuals are noted for assigning themselves and each other to narrowly restricted, stereo-typed sex roles. Why do you cling to such unhealthy role-playing?
16. How can you enjoy a fully satisfying sexual experience or deep emotional rapport with a person of the opposite sex, when the obvious physical, biological, and temperamental differences between you are so vast? How can a man understand what pleases a woman sexually or vice-versa?
17. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
18. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
19. How could the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual like you, considering the menace of overpopulation?
20. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed with which you might be able to change if you really want to. Have you considered trying aversion therapy?
21. A disproportionate number of criminals, welfare recipients, and other irresponsible or anti-social types are heterosexual. Why would anyone want to hire a heterosexual for a responsible position?
22. Do heterosexuals hate and/or distrust others of their own sex? Is that what makes them heterosexual?
23. Why are heterosexuals so promiscuous?
24. Why do you make a point of attributing heterosexuality to famous people? Is it to justify your own heterosexuality?
25. Could you really trust a heterosexual therapist/counselor to be objective and unbiased? Don't you fear he/she might be inclined to influence you in the direction of his/her own leanings?

—Martin Rochlin, Ph.D.

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The Symbolism of the Pink Triangle

The Nazis unfolded their demonic plans to rule the world in the 1930's and 1940's. During this period, increasingly more groups were snared in their web. While their first objective was the eradication of the Jews from the earth, (they saw Jewish people as the most effective obstacle to their own domination), other and less definable groups were added to the lists of the unacceptable. Gypsies were a target, as were Communists, Jehovah's Witnesses, criminals, Catholics, trade unionists, and so on.

Of particular interest to us is the homosexual population, singled out for death by exhaustion and disease, more than by execution. Where the Jews were gassed, shot, hanged, battered and abused to death, homosexual people were worked to death. Each person imprisoned at any of the camps was required to wear an identification mark to indicate to which group of undesirables the person belonged. The marks were usually triangular patches of cloth sewn onto the prisoner's prison uniform so that their reason for incarceration could be seen at a glance by everyone. The color of the patches varied according to what one's "offense" was; homosexuals were required to wear pink. It was not uncommon to see, for example, a yellow triangle, (the mark the Jews wore), with an inverted pink triangle superimposed on it. This would indicate that the prisoner was a Jewish homosexual or a homosexual Jew.

The Nazis viewed lesbians in a different way from homosexual men. Since much of the perspective of the Nazis centered around population replenishing, and since homosexual men were thought to be incapable of fathering children, the men were considered useless and disposable. On the other hand, irrespective of a woman's affectional orientation, if she could bear children, she was worth keeping around just for that purpose. So lesbians were not singled out for incarceration or death unless they resisted the Nazi plans for impregnation and childbearing. For that reason, we know of far fewer cases of women wearing the pink triangle than those of men.

One other little known fact has recently appeared in "Hitler's Death Camps", a new book by Dr. Konnilyn Feig, which discusses each of the Nazi camps. Of one such camp where more homosexuals were imprisoned than any other, Feig writes, "It is then, no accident that Sachsenhausen's most imposing monument, the towering obelisk, bears at its top rows of inverted pink triangles - the Nazi identification mark for homosexuals." Evidently, nowhere else has anyone public attention to the reality of the deaths of thousands, and probably hundreds of thousands, of homosexuals in memorials to the victims of Nazism.

Fortunately for us in San Francisco, the Mayor's Committee for a Living Memorial to the Six Million Jewish Victims of the Holocaust is including as much material as it can gather about the Nazi treatment of homosexual people, to be part of an ongoing education program about the Holocaust which will coincide with the creation of the memorial. ■

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world that by day restrains our
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and late snow melt
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Local Organization News

Mom...Guess What! Newspaper has long been the means by which lesbians and gays in Northern California have communicated with each other about the activities of our organizations. In order to provide our readers with information about these activities, we inaugurate this review of what is going on in greater Sacramento. Organizations are invited to send information about their activities to MGW by the 15th of each month. ■

A Man's Way to Meet Men

Many men frequently express a need for an additional way to meet and socialize. Now, Man Two Man, which is a social group for men interested in same gender friendships, offers that opportunity. The group has successfully operated for over a year to bring men living in the greater Sacramento area together.

Man Two Man offers a varied program which gives men an opportunity to become acquainted while sharing interesting life experiences. Men who have not previously participated in group functions are especially encouraged to attend. Every effort is made to make them feel comfortable. A donation of $2 is requested from each participant to pay for the basic operating expenses.

The calendar for December and January is shown below. For additional information telephone (916) 391-9755.

January

5 Wed	Social: Discussion - What Constitutes being a User?
10 Mon	Movies at Home (bring munchies)
12 Wed	Social: Games Night (bring your favorite game)
19 Wed	Social: Potluck Dinner
24 Mon	Movies at Home (bring munchies)
26 Wed	Social: Open Night ■

Power Volleyball Team Triumphs

On November 28th and 29th Sacramento's Gay Power Volleyball team took part in San Diego's 3rd Annual Gay Volleyball Tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Balboa Volleyball Association.

Sacramento took a seven member squad down. The team consisted of Markus Fisher, James Henriques, Abe Kahn, David Kwong, David Yoman, Ernie Ruiz, and Frank McGinnis. Although he was ill for the tournament, team member Matt Coker played an instrumental part in getting the team into the games.

Besides Sacramento, the tournament had teams representing New York, Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Sacramento finished Saturday's pool play by getting into the consolation bracket which they won in an exciting final round match with the Phoenix/Chicago team. On Sunday night the team was presented with a trophy as consolation winners of the event.

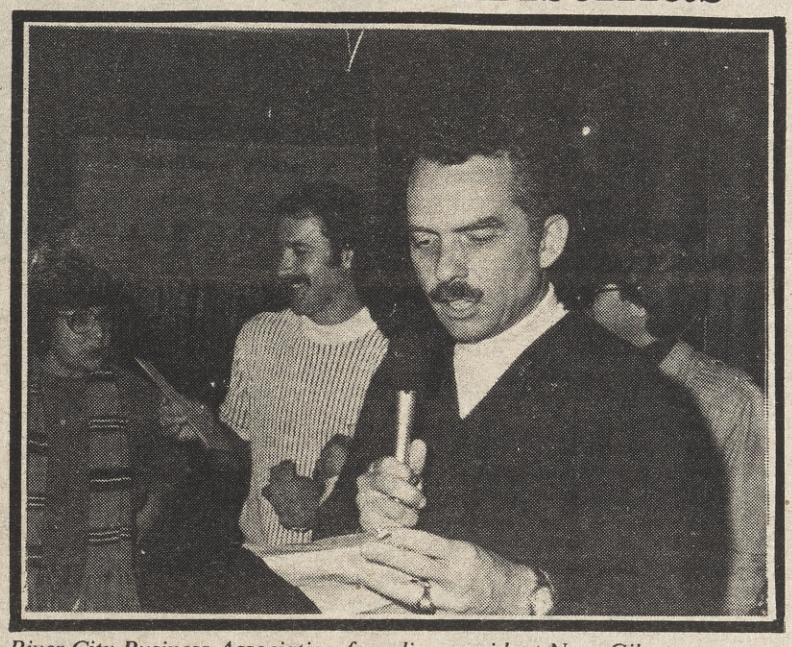
Future happenings of the team include the Nationals in Denver, Colorado during Memorial Day. They also hope to get a USVBA team together. ■

Power Volleyball Holding Try-Outs

Sacramento's Power Volleyball team is interested in expanding their team into possibly two teams. Any experienced players who are interested in joining the team please contact Matt at 455-0986 or Paul at 447-1065.

The team practices on Thursdays at SCC Women's Gym from 7-10 pm. All interested people are welcome to show up and get more information from any of the team members. ■

Business Association Celebrates Christmas



River City Business Association founding president Norv Giles announces raffle winners at the recent RCBA Christmas party held at the Club 21. Photo by Linda Birner

Roseville Area Gay Women Form Group

A group of gay women in Roseville is now starting regular get-togethers. The core group has many interests - support and awareness meetings, women's literature discussions, politics, photography and pot lucks.

The group will have a pot luck in Roseville on Jan. 10 at 7 pm at 906 Lawton Ave. (behind the Placer County Fairgrounds.) R.S.V.P. by using one of the following phone numbers: (916) 967-5071 Barbara & Donna, 786-9454 Susan & Lee, or 786-5727 June. ■

Capital City Squares Keeping Busy

Since resuming dancing for the second year in September, the Capital City Squares have been keeping busy. Every Tuesday evening the popular gay square dance club meets at the Parking Lot at 7 p.m., both the advanced and beginning groups. These weekly dance nights have proven to be a success for the nearly 60 dancers and the audiences that show up to watch.

October 16, the club kicked off with a "Welcome Back" potluck at Norm's which helped the new members become acquainted with last year's group. October 23, a large group of local dancers spent the afternoon and evening in SF hosted by the Western Star Dancers. There were dance workshops followed by a square dance. In return, the CCS hosted the Western Star Dancers at a sensational Hoe Down in a stable in Rio Linda the night of Nov. 20. The horses in the stable seemed to enjoy the evening as much as the dancers.

Election of officers has just been completed. Art will serve as the new president along with Dave as the new vice president. Norm will continue as secretary, and Kim will continue as treasurer. Vicky will remain historian, but Larry was elected to the newly created office of sheriff.

The next big event on the CCS calendar will be the second annual Hoe Down to be held in February —a full day of fun, food, and dancing open to the public. There is also entertainment provided. The club is also actively involved in a project to make square dancing a more significant part of the Gay Reno Rodeo held in August.

Watch for the dates when a new beginning square dance class will form, or just come to the Parking Lot Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. ■

Our Community United Marks First Year

The Directors of Our Community United meet January 17, 1983 to consider several new proposals as the organization enters its second year. The public is invited to join the board at the 7:30 p.m. meeting to be held at 1813 K Street (upstairs).

To date, there has been a working consensus that OCU should conduct no programs of its own other than to secure a site for a community center. Interest in such a facility has waned, however, and the board has before it suggestions which would begin a more active phase for the organization.

One proposal would have OCU act as an umbrella for various interest groups within the community and their activities. Another would have OCU establish a communications center and "hot line". Finance chairman Tom Walters will present the board with a model financial disclosure form to be offered to persons and organizations which will take part in OCU's fund raising efforts.

More information regarding Our Community United can be obtained by phoning Phil Hoskins, 443-5596. ■

River City MCC Opens Store

River City Metropolitan Community Church has opened a gift shop in the building space at 3400 Broadway formerly occupied by the Marcus Auto Supply showroom. The shop is currently open Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m.

All items in the store are sold on a consignment basis. Artists and crafts people from the community are encouraged to bring samples of their work for consideration.

An array of oils, art objects, crafts, antiques, and collectibles is presently displayed for sale.

Members of the Board of Directors at River City MCC are accepting suggestions through January 1 for officially naming the store. Their decision on the name selection is expected at the January Board meeting.

For more information, contact the church office at 454-4762, or ask for Madeline at 465-4564. ■

State Employees Protected by More Than Executive Order

by Boyce Hinman

Recently discovered facts indicate that lesbian and gay state employees would be protected from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation even if the executive order banning such discrimination was rescinded by incoming Governor Deukmejian.

There are numerous laws which would continue to protect our community. For example, in a formal opinion on the executive order Mr. Deukmejian, as Attorney General, made the following points. "The executive order is not in conflict with the (State Civil Service) act. On the contrary, numerous provisions require that personnel decisions be made on the basis of merit and fitness, and not otherwise."

Mr. Deukmejian went on to say "Moreover, the executive order effectuates a right, duty, or obligation which emanates from the state and federal constitutions. With regard to the California Constitution specifically, Article VII requires that in the state civil service, permanent appointment and promotion shall be made under a general system based on merit. This section alone precludes arbitrary selection standards." He then went on to quote the California Supreme Court in its decision on Gay Law Students Association versus Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The court said, "The agencies, departments, boards and commissions of state government are prohibited, under the equal protection clauses of the state and federal constitutions, from employment discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in absence of a showing that such quality would render an individual unfit for a particular job."

Sexual Orientation Discrimination Violates California Labor Code

In a recent letter regarding discrimination, Barry Carmody, Assistant Chief of the Division of Labor Standards, Department of Industrial Relations indicated that employment discrimination by any employer (public or private) against an openly homosexual person, when that discrimination is based on the person's sexual orientation is in violation of California Labor Code sections 1101 and 1102.

State Personnel Board Will Continue to Handle Complaints

Lesbian and gay state employees may continue to submit complaints of sexual orientation discrimination to the State Personnel Board (SPB) even if the executive order is rescinded. Mr. Charles Walter, Assistant Executive Officer of the SPB, said recently, "The prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation rests on more than the executive order. That being true, the State Personnel Board would continue to handle complaints of sexual orientation discrimination in the same way as in the past."

Further Protection is Needed

Legal theories exist that may be argued in the courts, but the cost of taking discrimination cases through the courts is extremely high. Therefore, it is imperative that AB 1 (job discrimination protection by Assemblyman Agnos) be passed to give lesbian and gay employees in the private sector access to the same kind of administrative process now enjoyed by all other workers who are protected by the Fair Employment & HOusing Act.

Complaint Procedure

State employees who experience discrimination based on sexual orientation should contact Marilyn Pearman, Sexual Orientation Project Coordinator of the SPB, at (916) 323-0722. ■

Eighth Annual Alcoholism Symposium Slated for Sac State

There are few people whose lives have not been touched one way or another by drug or alcohol abuse. Maybe one or both of your parents, a friend, or a lover risk destroying their lives by a chemical dependency. At times like this the decision to intervene can be a painful one.

On January 19, 20 and 21, the Sacramento based Community Forum on Chemical Dependency will be sponsoring the Eighth Annual Alcoholism Symposium at California State University Sacramento. The major topic of the symposium will be the question of intervention and its role in the treatment and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug abuse. A long list of recognized experts in the field of chemical abuse and dependency will be leading workshops on a wide range of approaches to intervention. Among the workshop topics are the dynamics of family treatment, the special problem of adolescent alcohol abuse, and the role of professionals in the process of recovery. For more information on the symposium contact Robert Terry at 388-2849 or 388-2003 Monday thru Friday. ■

Calls Encouraged From Victims of Gay Bashing

The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center is now providing support services for gay men and lesbians who have been violently attacked or sexually assaulted. The 24 hour crisis line is 447-7275. The Center's business number is 447-3223. ■

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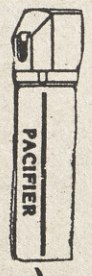

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Bar Stool

by Warren "Scoop" Hull

Many, many thanks to the Valley Knights for their excellent Christmas show. It was a very smoothly run, enjoyable show, but Scoop was even more impressed with the sense of community we in the audience felt. Every aspect of the gay community seemed to be in attendance or on the stage; leathermen and lesbians, drags and even a few straights, and all of them joining in a unique celebration. It certainly gave Scoop a warm Christmas glow I hope I can maintain for the rest of the year.

Special thanks should be given to Jim Dudley as the evening's M.C. He's Sacramento's answer to Johnny Carson (Does he ever age?). Sister Katherine also had them rolling in the aisles with her rendition of the first Christmas. And Curtis had the crowd roaring with applause for his fine singing skills. The Valley Knights have shown us we've got the community spirit, now all we need is the community center.

A word to the wise, and we won't tell you again — The last time Scoop visited **The Wreck Room** I spotted a tow truck towing a number of cars from the parking lots surrounding the bar. When I got to the bar I was told they wouldn't announce that the cars were being towed. And justly so! It isn't **The Wreck Room**'s problem. There are "Tow Away Zone" signs posted in these parking lots. You may park there at your own risk, but the owners of these lots intend to enforce their rights. "The owner's action is not to be construed as action against the gay community, **The Wreck Room** or other neighboring bars." **The Wreck Room** has a warning sign posted in the bar and flyers available explaining their position. That's as far as they can be expected to go. So the next time your car gets towed you can only blame yourself. Learn how to read. A large towing bill can really put a big damper on a great night at a great bar!

Just as a record disc jockey can work a crowd up into a frenzied party mood through the careful selection of his records, the video clips (by Sage) at **the Club 21** have much the same effect. You can tap your feet to the beat or console yourself with a laugh if Mr./Ms. Right happens to walk out the door with someone else. The Sunday video movie starts at 4:30 pm.

Scoop is always being told how nice it would be if there was a gay bar that served hors d'oeuvres. Well, **The Club 21** obviously has their finger on the pulse of the crowd. They're now serving hors d'oeuvres weekdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tres elegant. By the way, the Monday night drawing is really drawing them in.

And yes, you did see a woman behind the bar at **The 21.** Yvonne works there on Thursday nights only. Stop in and meet her.

Bare Essence - **The Power Plant** strips down for the new year with their "Bare-it-all-Ball Stripper Contest" on Jan. 14th. Is that why they installed the new coat check room? Their Capricorn Party is on the 20th.

You don't have to be a regular at the bars in Sacramento to know whose favorite phrase is "Let's play the juke box!" (Ernie Brown at the **Merc**). Well, Rita at **the Diamond Butterfly** has a new twist on this one. "There's money on the juke box" she likes to say when all of her selections have been played. Stop in sometime and you may get to pick the hits. Their pool tournament starts Sunday, January 9 and, thereafter, every Sunday at 4 pm. It's sure to be a hit too.

Frank Holt, at **the Broadway Ltd,** has as his motto "What goes around, come around." And as the attentive host of the **Broadway's** Sunday brunch (12-2—30, Bob is your chef) he goes around making sure you enjoy yourself and that your glass is brimming with champagne. And the great meal will have you coming round for more. He's only got six tables so get there early. Michael Leek is your mixologist. You name it, he can mix it.

The G.N.I.E. fundraiser at **the Mercantile Saloon** on Dec. 14th raised over $500. Thanks to Emperor and Empress IX Doug and Billy, Jim, La Kish, Anna, and the staff of the Merc for putting them that much closer to getting that sound system they've been saving for.

The deadline for signups for the Sacramento Valley Pool League is Jan. 15th. If you're interested in playing pool, call Don Love or Bob Solomon (441-1211) before Jan. 5th. ■

Frohwein Honored at Valley Knights Christmas Party

Norm Frohwein was given top honors at the recent Valley Knights Christmas Party for his outstanding work in organizing Sacramento's finest gay athletes for the Gay Games in San Francisco. Photo by Frank Lawler

Gay Vote '82 Receives Honors

The Great Northwestern Imperial Empire presented its highest award to honor Cathy Gage and Carole Thompson at their annual Christmas Party. Gage and Thompson were organizers of Gay Vote '82 which registered voters and provided voter awareness of supportive candidates. Photo by Frank Lawler

Sacramento's Gay Olympians

Sacramento's gay olympians were recently honored at the Valley Knights Extra-Terrestrial Christmas Party. Many medals were brought home to reward many hours of hard work. ***Mom...Guess What! Newspaper*** *salutes all those who participated in the Gay Games.* Photo by Frank Lawler

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Chinese Male Contraceptive Found Effective Against Herpes

HELSINKI, FINLAND — A cottonseed oil extract used as a male contraceptive in China has been found to kill genital herpes virus and the microbe that causes gonorrhea. Researchers here say gossypol, the cottonseed oil product, prevented the herpes simplex virus type 2 from becoming infective. Tests to combat genital herpes in humans are underway. *Capitol Forum News,* Salem, OR ■

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Aunt Gladys

Dear Aunt Gladys:

You probably won't be able to answer this by Christmas, but if you do come up with some suggestions, they might be helpful later on. Even though my folks know that I am gay, they simply won't accept this fact. It has not been a problem until now when I have a lover and we live together. My folks won't set foot in our apartment if they even think he is home. They invite me at least once a week to dinner but make it very clear that I am invited and he is not. O-kay, if that's the way they want it. But there are a couple of times in the year — like Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Easter — when I want to share the dinner or holiday not only with my family, but also with my lover. I can't turn them down, and I end up leaving him alone (his folks live in the Mid-west). Any suggestions?

Unhappy in Sacramento

Dear Unhappy:

I am sorry that your folks aren't more accepting, but it is not an uncommon situation. I am glad that you are able to still see your family, to dine with them and to visit. And I understand your desire to spend these special days with your lover. Don't put it on an either-or basis. Stretch a little. Spend the time necessary to keep the folks happy, but make a special something — another dinner, or go out, or a small party — some part of the day or evening that you can share with your lover. I realize that this is not an ideal sort of solution, but I don't think that staying with your lover rather than your folks would prove any more satisfying. You have to make the event special for both sides. You haven't mentioned the relationship between your lover and his folks. But he might fill the gap when you visit your folks by phoning and chatting with his family.

Dear Aunt Gladys:

I am in my 30's and have a good job. I am an only child and have a widowed mother. About five years ago I moved out to have my own place, and I have a nice home. But my mother won't let loose of me. She calls me at least twice every day at work. She insists that I eat with her every night, Saturday included, and Sunday dinner. She refuses to associate with any neighbors or friends and refuses to go anywhere. Then she complains that she is lonely and if I don't visit her she will go crazy. How do I cut the apron strings?

Tied to Mom in Carmichael

Dear Tied:

You haven't indicated how dependent your mother really is due to age or physical health. Therefore it is difficult to answer you. But you do have to realize that as she gets older, the demands will get stronger. So, if you are unhappy now, you will be unhappier in the future. Unless you make a break right now. I would suggest that you sit down with your mother right away and establish a half-time schedule — every other day during the week and one day on the weekend. This will give you some breathing space. Still there are a couple of things you have to bear in mind. Your best years are slipping by, and when your mother leaves, you will be a lot older and empty. I doubt it, but it is very questionable if you will be able to make up for the life you are missing. You have to have your friends and you have to do your thing. If you don't do it now, face it, some day you will be a very lonely mother's boy without a momma.

Dear Aunt Gladys:

I am a teatotaler and my best friend is an alcoholic. I have just about convinced him to go into one of these cure programs. He can afford it. Do you think they really work? Or do you think that it is spending a lot of money for a temporary "cure?"

Wondering in River City

Dear Wondering:

I am sure that some of these programs really work. And I am sure that some produce permanent results and some produce only temporary results. And I am sure that some are expensive and some are cheaper. Shop around and let the registrars explain how their program works, how much it costs, and what kind of results they have been getting. There are even free programs.

As for whether any of these can help your friend depends on him. If he wants to quit drinking, then there is a chance that he will quit. He may need help, or he may be able to do it on his own. But, if he does not want to, then the programs will only be a waste of time and money. He will play games andhe will cheat.

I am firmly convinced that anyone who drinks knows what can and does happen to him — whether the body rejects the slightest amount of alcohol, or whether he has to drink all night to get smashed. Whatever it is, he knows what happens. The question then arises, "Why does he do it?" I think it is simplistic to say it is because he can't control himself. He may not be able to control himself, but he can do something about it. This may be where your friend is. But I think that the problem is probably more deeply rooted in why he wants the escape from reality, when it started, and why he persists in needing this crutch.

If putting your hand in the fire results in pain, you know enough not to do it. The fire warms before it burns. Similarly there is a pleasant initial reaction with alcohol, but it too, if not stopped at that point like the burning, can be unpleasant. The difference between these two is that the alcohol as it becomes unpleasant provides an escape from reality. Why the person wants or needs to escape reality may be the crux of the matter. Some people drink as the evening wears on because they are in panic at the thought of not being able to sleep. The reasons can be multiple, but escape is a very big factor.

Ironically, much like in the case of the death penalty, fear of the consequences does not affect the drinking. It may cause you to let some one else drive, or let some one take care of you. But that does not stop the drinking. There is too high a rate of recidivism in too many programs to justify the notion that all you have to do is "take the cure." The cure is a step. It may be an important factor, but there are other factors that may be of even greater importance. I think one thing that one has to explain to the alcoholic is that life without alcohol is not bad. Food tastes better, and you can have an awful lot of fun without alcohol. ■

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Christmas Benefit for Children of Gay Parents

Larry Dunlap, MCC; Bobbette, Mercantile Saloon; Rev. Freda Smith, MCC; Ernie Brown, Mercantile Saloon. Photo by G. Carter

Sponsored by River City Metropolitan Community Church, the Christmas Benefit was promoted to the community in an effort to add a little extra Christmas magic to this holiday season for local families parented by gay men and women.

The Mercantile Saloon hosted the affair. Emcees Bobby Hoyos and Ernie Brown, bartenders at the Saloon, were instrumental in staging, promoting, and conducting the benefit.

Cash donations totaling approximately $135 were received, and nearly 400 pounds of food items and 105 toys were donated for distribution throughout the Sacramento community, according to Anna Harrison who also tends bar at the Mercantile.

Between 100 and 120 people attended the special benefit.

Quite a controversy has been stirred up over the last few months over the issue of "Nude Beer". What is Nude Beer, you may ask. Is it beer that comes in a clear plastic container, or the favorite beverage on Black's Beach? No, Nude Beer is a new promotional gimmick for selling beer by using the nude body of a young woman on the label of each beer bottle.

It is California State policy to require approval for the label used on any alcoholic beverage container. In June of this year, Eastern Brewing Corp applied to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for approval of their first month's label. The "nude girl" will be changed monthly. Guided by the California Business and Professional Code Section 25612, the ABC denied permission to the brewery to use the label. This code section requires that advertising used in connection with the sale of an alcoholic beverage "not be of any obnoxious, gaudy, blatant, or offensive nature..."

Eastern Brewing Corp. appealed the ABC's decision at an Administrative Hearing on November 23. Ginny Foat, State Coordinator of California National Organization for Women testified against the proposed label. The use of women's bodies for the sale of a completely unrelated product is dehumanizing and exploitative. It is particularly offensive because beer, which comes in a disposable container, furthers the imagery of women being disposable once they are past their "prime." The brewery is not planning to use the bodies of older, overweight, disabled, or any other woman that does not fit the sex kitten image. This beer would be on sale in supermarkets and other businesses where it will be viewed by young children. Because beer is such a disposable product, littered beer bottles will become littered nude women. Another important point is the connection between alcohol and violence and sexual abuse.

At the November 23 hearing testimony in opposition to Nude Beer was also presented by a representative of the US Brewers Assoc., a Methodist Minister, and a liquor store owner.

The testimony in favor of Nude Beer could have been amusing. Five different people came forward and presented data from "surveys" they had conducted. The largest survey was conducted by a chiropractor, who questioned only 100 people. Another survey was taken of 84 college students and beer bar patrons. A third survey was conducted by a mass questioning of all people attending an amateur radio club meeting. The only woman who testified in favor of Nude Beer mentioned that she had questioned 20 of her friends from all over Orange County, and none of them found the labels offensive. William Harrison Boam, III, the ad man whose brain-child all of this is, began his testimony by stating that "a picture is worth a thousand words, so I will be brief." He went on to say that of course the primary selling point would be the quality of the beer and not the "girl" on the label.

At press time a final decision was pending. ■

Sandy Pomerantz, M.D. to Speak to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Sandy Pomerantz, M.D. will speak on: "The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Other Health Concerns of Gays" at the meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Tuesday, January 4, 1983, 7:00 pm, in Room 255, of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is primarily a support group for parents, friends, and families of gay men and lesbians. It affords an opportunity to share the almost always unfamiliar and sometimes distressing experiences of parenting or being close to someone who is gay. It also seeks to educate and to inform parents and friends of gay men and lesbians about gay lifestyles. In addition, it works to maintain and enhance the close and loving ties of family and friendship. For more information, contact Merrill Follansbee, 428-4348. ■

Local Business Support for AB 1 Grows

by Stan Hadden

Sacramento's River City Business Association (RCBA) has joined lesbian/gay business associations throughout the State in expressing support for Assemblyman Agnos' AB 1, which would outlaw discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation. On December 20th a Resolution from RCBA's Board of Directors endorsed AB 1. The resolution was forwarded to Agnos, and to the National Association of Business Councils (NABC), which is seeking support from professional people and from all lesbian/gay businesses in the State. The council contacted business organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Central California, Long Beach and Russian River urging formal endorsement by the Board of Directors for each association.

The council also urges that letters of support be sent to local Assemblyman and State Senators. The absence of a statewide gay/lesbian lobby increases the need for individuals and local groups to take action regarding this bill.

Local Assembly persons for the greater Sacramento area are: Tom Hannigan, Jean Moorhead, Lloyd Connelly, Norm Waters and Phil Isenberg. Letters should be mailed to these legislators at the Capitol.

The address is:

Assemblyman (Name)
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Carbon copies of letters should be sent to:

Assemblyman Agnos
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The Return of Rose Red

by Jill Kelly

It was a cold and foggy night. 7 PM. The redhead and I were sitting at the bar in Furlough's, a quiet little uptown bistro, the kind of place where all forms of humanity can sit and sip, undisturbed. My kind of place. The bartender, known affectionately to the regulars as Bogie, was resplendent in a double-breasted ice cream suit and patent leather hair. It was quiet, dead, almost. Just the way I like it.

I pulled long and noisily on my Cinzano and Perrier and gazed at the redhead. She was dressed simply in her usual Saturday get-up:black tuxedo jacket, bow tie, pleated shirt. A gal with simple tastes, she. Just the way I like'em.

We were both lost in reverie, reliving another murky Saturday night a year ago — the night the Snow White dame took a dive down a long stairway and didn't come up. I had been hired to keep her alive. My reputation as a detective had gone into cold storage that night along with the Snow White stiff. It didn't matter that I'd caught the culprit. Rose Red was in jail now, but I hadn't worked since. Burner had seen to that.

I threw back the last of my Cinzano. I missed my mouth and a sticky red stain blossomed on my sea foam green shirt. I motioned to Bogie. "Wild Turkey this time, Bogue. Make it neat. And a double."

The redhead frowned. "You know how melancholy you get when you drink. Not to mention sloppy."

"I have a lot to forget, Sweetpea," I replied.

Just then the door blew open. A pack of dames dressed up like the groom's side of a wedding party strolled in.

"The Inauguration isn't until January," I whispered to the redhead. "What's with the formal threads?"

"Tonight's the Snow White Ball. Don't tell me you've forgotten."

I chugged the last of my Wild Turkey and ordered another. The stuff worked faster than I thought.

One by one they came over to say hello — ten of them. They all seemed to know the redhead. I wasn't surprised. Everyone knows the redhead. When they left to go into the dining room, I sneered:

"Friends of yours?" Drink had made me nasty.

Her eyes suggested I drop dead. It was advice I wasn't ready to take, so I lightened up.

"Sorry, doll. Just curious."

"You are talking about some very important dykes, Flatfoot. And if you'd improve your attitude, you might find yourself employed for a change."

She was sweet, but could hit right between the eyes when she wanted. Just the way I like it.

"So tell me," I said.

"They're Torts, Tarts and Toots, the famous lesbian law firm from S.F. And some friends. They're here on business. Snow White business."

I got interested in spite of myself.

"Like what kind of Snow White business?"

"They're handling her estate. And there may be trouble."

She took a swig of her chocolate daquiri. A sweet little brown moustache appeared on her downy upper lip.

"Don't stop now," I breathed, mesmerized.

"We're talking a million clams, kid," she continued. Seems that Snow White wrote a will a few years ago naming her soccer team as sole heirs. You've heard of them — The Seven Dwarfs Plus One. But now it seems there's another will come to light. Torts, Tarts and Toots got an anonymous call last week telling them to be at the Victorian tonight. The caller said she had another will dated only a week before Snow White died. And that it was going to make some people very unhappy. She sounded scared."

I lit a cigarette. The redhead sneezed. I put it out.

"So where do I fit in?" I inquired as casually as I could.

"Torts, Tarts and Toots are worried that there might be trouble. The Dwarfs have got wind of this second will. They don't like the sound of it. They're desperate. They've already spent a chunk of it on new uniforms and a practice field in South Natomas. If they're cut out, they might do something foolish."

"Like waste the dame with the new will?" I suggested, cleverly. I hadn't been in the snoop business for 20 years for nothing.

"You're right on the ball, Flatfoot. So the lawyers thought maybe you could come to the ball tonight just as a precaution. Keep an eye on things. Just in case."

I squirmed. My mind was racing and my bladder was full.

"Burner would never let me in the door." Suddenly my fist pounded the table. "I can't, Sweetpea! I'm through with this dirty business, for good!"

"Would a couple of grand change your mind?" she asked, throwing out her last 4 aces.

My fist froze in mid-air. A couple of grand for a night's work? Like I said, it had been a lean year. A couple of grand would make a nice down payment on a word processor. Then I could parlay my years of dirty shamus work into a figure book deal, with movie nights. My eyes narrowed.

"They'll fix it with Burner," she went on. "When money talks, Burner is all ears."

We parked the banana yellow Dasher in a tow-away zone in front of the Victorian. I figured I was working for the hottest law firm in the state — why should I worry.

The first bars of "Boggie-Oogie-Oogie" blasted my ears as the redhead and I made our way through the maddening crowd of merry-makers. "Butch must be in again," I muttered, counting 20 tuxedos to every strapless evening dress. A cute, curl-haired ticket taker waved us through. Torts, Tarts and Toots had done their advance work well.

"Jab me if you see Burner," I said to the redhead. "She might change her mind about the $30 and I'm over my Visa limit."

My eyes restlessly scanned the joint. The place was packed. Dykes of every size, shape, color and threads, and not a pair of Birkenstocks in sight. In one corner I spied Marge Meridian, the non-nonsense karate champ and the usual security muscle at previous balls. Her eyeballs were locked in a half-nelson with her stunning, befurred sweetheart. So much for back-up. I myself preferred the use of verbal weapons. I hoped the soccer team was out of shape.

I grabbed the redhead's hand. "Let's boogie."

We caught the last 30 seconds of "Fight the Power". Before I had a chance to grab her again, she was swept away by a gorgeous little sequined vision with ivories that wouldn't quit.

"You don't mind, Flatfoot, do you," laughed the cute little Jamaican. Mind? Why should I mind? She's free, red-haired and 21. And I had work to do.

I wandered upstairs, elbowing my way through an endless stream of black serge and silk. At the top of the stairs stood perky Sassoon Mills and her lovely date, tranquilly observing the mayhem. Security at last? I breathed a sigh of relief. They were little, but tough. But they didn't know anything about the will.

"Listen, Flatfoot, I didn't even know the dame," said Sassoon with that wry little smile. "But if there's anything left over, all I want is one of her Keepsake diamonds and a night on the town in a Hertz Rent-A-Car."

Another gal with simple tastes. Just the way I like 'em. But I had work to do. So I weaved into the hors d'oeuvres room and ran smack into a diaphonous dream. It was spunky Reporta Lane, with her dashing maroon-jacketed escort "54-40-Or" Fight.

"Will? What will?" snapped Reporta. "I've got other things on my mind. Like a premeditated dyke-o-cide I may commit before this night is through."

I had enough work to do, so I told her to wait till after church tomorrow to break any laws. I left her muttering darkly about problems of the armed forces and sought out calmer waters.

Just then I caught sight of one of the Dwarfs, slinking across the room with an entire tray of hors d'oeuvres poorly concealed underneath her tuxedo jacket. I cut her off at the pass.

"Well, Rut, I see you're into heisting canapes. Whose your fence?"

Her snapping eyes darted around the room. "We're having a Board meeting, do you mind, Flatfoot?"

I said I didn't mind, but was sorry she and her friends were not having a very good time.

"Not *bored*, Flatfoot, *board*. The Seven Dwarfs Board. And they're waiting for me." She tried to move on but I threw her a mild body block. Liver sausage and lettuce dropped from her pockets so I made myself a little sandwich.

"Your little meeting wouldn't be concerning a certain deceased party's will, now would it?" I asked cleverly.

"Just keep your nose clean, Flatfoot. This doesn't concern you." And she broke away, demonstrating the fine form that made her one of the Dwarf's star players.

Heartened by my fast detective work, I hurried downstairs again to find the redhead. She was dancing with the cute little curly-headed ticket taker. Who's watching the door for crashers, I thought irritably, as she came towards me, flushed-faced and laughing.

"It's a hell of a time to be kicking up your heels, Sweetpea. My career's at stake!"

She started to shoot me her "free, red-haired and 21" look, but I hurried on.

"The Dwarfs are meeting upstairs right now. We've got to move."

She picked a string of lettuce out of my teeth and said, "You might be interested to know that a certain Rose Red has been spotted here tonight."

My jaw dropped. The redhead picked it up from my chest and returned it to my face.

"How'd she get out of jail so fast?"

"She got off a temporary insanity plea, remember? A fit of jealousy made her drop the seven sugar cubes into Snow White's champagne last year. She didn't realize you could die of a hypoglycemic overdose."

I stood silently for a moment, marvelling at the ways of the criminal justice system.

The redhead went on. "And she told me she want to talk to you."

"Why me?"

"She has something to show you."

I laughed. "Sugar's not my thing, sweetheart."

"Pull it together, Flatfoot. She's got the will!"

My flagging professional ego snapped to attention. "Let's find her."

We didn't have to go far. There she was lounging against the staircase, not dressed in the flaming red that was her trademark only a year ago, but in a simple, tailored prison gray. One look told me she was a changed woman.

"Flatfoot," she said, her big brown eyes melting all over her face, "let's let bygones be bygones. I've got the real will, here Snow White's last and only. I've got to find the Torts, Tarts and Toots gang before midnight or else it won't stand up in court."

My head was clear now, and my professional instincts believed her. Together we climbed the staircase and found Torts, Tarts and Toots in line for the ladies room.

"We can't leave now," complained Torts as I grabbed her bow tie. "We'll lose our place in line and we've already been her for the past three hours."

"Cross your legs," I snarled. "I found the dame with the will."

Stiff-legged, the three barristers followed Rose Red, the redhead and I down the hall and up another narrow, winding flight of stairs. And there at the top in a stuffy little attic, huddled the Dwarfs, munching wilted canapes and passing a bottle of contraband champagne.

"Hold it, Munchkins," I cried. "This little lady here has some news that might interest you." I pointed at Rose Red, regal in her prison grays, as she drew a tattered sheet of paper from her breast.

"Don't try to con us, Flatfoot," cried the tall blonde goalie. "There's only one will and we've already seen it!"

"You're wrong," cried Rose Red. "And if everybody would just shut up for five minutes we can all go back to making merry."

"Which one? There are a lot of women named Mary here tonight," inquired rakish Rut.

"Let the lady talk," intoned Tarts.

Rose Red cleared her throat and began.

"I, Snow White, being of sound mind and gorgeous body, do hereby revise for the last time my last will and testament. This is the final unedited version, so don't any of you jokers on the soccer team try to come up with a slimy forgery.

"Lately I've been having some strange dreams. Visions of sugar cubes keep dancing in my head. I don't know if it's just the Christmas spirit or a premonition. Anyway, I feel moved to reconsider my earlier bequests.

"My beloved soccer team, the Seven Dwarfs, desperately need new uniforms. But a practice field in South Natomas is a needless luxury. I hereby revise my earlier bequest to the Dwarfs, and leave them the grand sum of $268.95 for new uniforms. There's nothing wrong with practicing at Tahoe Park.

"As for the balance of my estate, $999,731.05, I bequeath to the Snow White Foundation for the Care and Feeding of Old Dykes. I specifically request that the money be used to establish the Snow White Old Dykes Home, to be housed at the Victorian Mansion, site of some of the best parties I ever attended.

"If this will is not read within one year of my death, the entire sum shall go to the Old Dykes Home, and the soccer team can play in cut-offs.

"These wishes come with the hope that if we start providing for each other in our old age, we might also be kinder to each other in our youth.

"Signed, Snow White."

Was it the champagne? The stress of the evening? Or just a holiday cold epidemic? Whatever, eyes and noses flowed freely in that stuffy little attic as Rose Red's voice faded away.

Torts, Tarts and Toots turned to me. "I guess you'll be wanting your two grand," said Toots.

I waved her away. "Throw it in with the Old Dykes bequest. I don't need it."

One by one the Dwarfs struggled to their feet and filed down the stairs. Rose Red was the last to go.

"See you next year, Flatfoot?" she smiled.

"Maybe," I muttered.

I was just grabbing for the redhead for a little comfort when a voice boomed up the stairs.

"Hey Flatfoot, is that you up there? How the hell did you get in here in the first place?!"

My heart froze. It was Burner!

"Quick, let's blow this pop stand!" We raced to the window, quick as a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

We crawled out the window and stood on the roof. The redhead put her arm around me and tweaked my left ear.

"Nice work, Flatfoot. I got just one question."

I gazed into her adorable face and replied, "What's that, Sweetpea?"

"How the hell do we get down from here?"

I shrugged. "If we stick around long enough, maybe we can hitch a ride on a flying sleigh." ■

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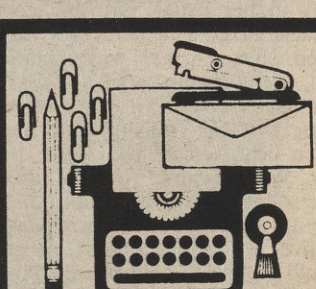

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January

1 SAT — OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY POTLUCK — Contact Frank, 485-7960.

7 FRI — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

7 FRI — GRANT STREET STRING BAND — Bluegrass at its best. 8 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

7 FRI — LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY PRESENTATION — 10 exuberant dancers present choreography of Bella Lewitzky, UCD Main Theatre, Dramatic Arts Bldg., 8:15 pm. Reserved seats only, 752-2523.

8 SAT — JORMA KAUKONEN — guitarist. 7 and 10 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

8 SAT — WOMEN'S POTLUCK — Sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union, 7:30 pm. Contact Chris, 457-1372 for location.

8 SAT — LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY PRESENTATION — 10 exuberant dancers present choreography of Bella Lewitzky, UCD Main Theatre, Dramatic Arts Bldg., 8:15 pm. $7.50 general/$5 student. Reserved seats only, 752-2523.

9 SUN — THE L.A. FOUR — jazz combo. 5:30 and 8 pm, The veterans Memorial, Daivs. 756-9901.

9 SUN — UCD CONCERT — John Hsu on viola da gamba and Bruce Lamott on harpsicord in UCD Wyatt Pavilion, 8:15 pm. $2 general/$1.50 student. Reserved seats only, 752-2523.

10 MON — OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING — Contact Frank, 485-7960.

11 TUE — GAYS UNDER 21 CLUB — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 7 pm. Contact Victor, 391-1362.

13 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

13 THUR — JIM SAMMUELS — Comedy at The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

14 FRI — OPEN DOOR POTLUCK — Sponsored by CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union, 7:30 pm. Contact Herman, 381-8541 for location.

14 FRI — QUEEN IDA & HER ZYDECO BAND — Unbeatable music, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis, 7:30 & 10 pm. 756-9901.

14 FRI — NEW YORK CHAMBER SOLOISTS CONCERT — Performance of "Water Music" Suites. 8:15 pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis. 752-1915.

15 SAT — JUANITA Y NAYO ULLOA — Peruvian music at The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis, at 7:30 & 10 pm. 756-9901.

16 SUN — PETER ROWAN — He plays it all. 4 & 8 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

16 SUN — "LA BELLE HELENE" — Pippin Pocket Opera. 8:15 pm, UC Davis Main Theatre. 752-1915.

17 MON — OUR COMMUNITY UNITED MEETING — Planning for a gay community center takes place at 1813 K St., 7:30 pm. 443-5596 for information.

17 MON — ADULT VOLLEYBALL BEGINS — City of Sacramento, Department of Community Services sponsored league with men's, women's and co-recreational divisions league play begins. For information on joining call Ron Gould, 449-5544.

20 THUR — JANE VOSS & HOYLE OSBOURNE — Folk Duo. 8 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

20 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

21 FRI — PRO-CHOICE WEEK BEGINS — Various activities including lobbying workshops and lobbying take place. Contact NOW, 443-3470.

21 FRI — PIERRE BENSUSAN — French guitarist. 8:30 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

22 SAT — MIMI FARINA & BANANA — Heart & Soul of the 60s. 7 & 10 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis, 756-9901.

22 SAT — "CALLIOPE: A RENAISSANCE BAND" — Popular New York quartet performs at Freeborn Hall, UC Davis, 8:15 pm. 752-1915.

23 SUN — NOW LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE — Training on the legislative process and lobbying techniques. Workshops on reproductive rights, family law, poverty, economic equity and discrimination. Call 916-448-5600 to register.

25 TUE — GAYS UNDER 21 CLUB — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 7 pm. Contact Victor, 391-1362.

27 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

27 THUR — PRESTON REED — Acoustic guitarist. 8 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

28 FRI — OPEN DOOR POTLUCK — Sponsored by CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union, 7:30 pm. Contact Herman, 381-8541 for location.

28 FRI — COUNTRY JOE MACDONALD — 7:30 & 10 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

28 FRI — CHANTAL JUILLET VIOLIN RECITAL — Electrifying playing at Kleiber Hall, UC Davis, 8:15 pm. 752-1915.

29 SAT — STEVE SESKIN & FRIENDS — Talented folk artist. 8:30 pm, The Palms Public Playhouse, Davis. 756-9901.

February

3 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

4 FRI — BALLET FOLCLORIO NACIONAL DE MEXICO — Mexico's folk dance and musical heritage showcased at UCD Recreational Hall, 7:30 pm, 752-2523.

5 SAT — OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY POTLUCK — General business meeting and election of 1983 officers. Contact Frank, 485-7960.

8 TUE — GAYS UNDER 21 CLUB — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 7 pm. Contact Victor, 391-1362.

10 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

10 THUR — SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — With violinist Jamie Laredo. 8:15 pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis. 752-1915.

14 MON — OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING — Installation of new officers. Contact Frank, 485-7960.

17 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

18 FRI — LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO — Triumphant return to The San Francisco Opera House. Three programs featured Fri, Sat & Sun. Charge by phone, 415-864-3330.

22 TUE — GAYS UNDER 21 CLUB — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 7 pm. Contact Victor, 391-1362.

22 TUE — SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CONCERT — With Harvey Pittel, saxophone soloist. 8:15 pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis. 752-1915.

24 THUR — GAY VOLLEYBALL — Sponsored by Our River City Family, 6 pm. Contact Paul, 447-1065.

25 FRI — BOB BERKY, MIME — Limitless comic invention at Freeborn Hall, UC Davis, 8:15 pm. 752-1915.

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Misc.

- ***ADVOCATES FOR GAY & LESBIAN STATE EMPLOYEES*** Potluck Meeting, 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. For location call 965-6851, 447-1284.
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- ***BUTTE COUNTY FELLOWSHIP — CHICO*** 3rd Sun. 3 p.m., 543-9773.
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- ***OUR COMMUNITY UNITED*** Gay Community Center Box 161784, Sac., CA 95816. 444-9939.
- ***OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY*** Social Group For Men & Women. Potluck first sat, 7 p.m. Council Meeting 2nd Mon, 7 p.m. Box 161857, Sac. 95816, Frank 485-7960.

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- ***PARENTS OF GAYS.*** First Tues, meetings at 5645 Marconi Ave., Carm., 7 p.m. Merrill Follansbee 428-4348.
- ***RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION*** Gay Business Owners Group, Box 160969, Sac., CA 95816. Every 2nd Turs, odd months 2nd Monday, 7:30 Social, 8:00 Meeting. Incredible Edible.
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- ***SAC. LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM WEEK COMMITTEE*** Planning Committee for Annual Celebration. Box 2454, Sac., CA 95811. 3rd Thur, 7:30 p.m. Jerry 381-3115.
- ***SACRAMENTO GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU,*** Box 161934, Sac. 95816. To schedule speakers or to join Bureau, write or call Linda, 452-0721. New members welcome.
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- ***HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION*** 2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 302, Sac. 95816. 4th Wed, 7 p.m., City Hall. 444-6903.
- ***SACRAMENTO POLITICAL ACTION CAUCUS (SacPAC)*** Non-partisan Gay Political Club, Box 161694, Sac. 95816. 1st Wed. General Bus. Meeting, 7 p.m., Incredible Edible. Jim Graham 457-7489, Kathy Gage 457-1788. Charter Council Meeting, 3rd Wed. 7 p.m.

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- ***DIGNITY*** Box 161765, Sac. 95816. Mass & meeting, 2nd Sun. 3 p.m. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. 739-8353.
- ***CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV,*** Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101.
- ***THE WOMYN'S CHURCH,*** every sun. 6 p.m., womyn's worship services, potluck following. 3700 Y Street, Sac. 95817. 736-0113, 453-0792, Jean Hart.
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- ***SCC LESBIAN AND GAY STUDENTS UNION,*** Sacramento City College — 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sac. 95822.
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- ***DAVIS LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE/UCD LESBIAN AND GAY STUDENTS UNION*** 443 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. Office hrs. 12-3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. 753-2090.

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The Happiest Time of The Year . . . Film at 11

by Stacy Selmants

From November through late January, the spirit of the holidays is omnipresent. People are everlastingly cheery, the sounds of revelry bound through the still night air and I want nothing more than to take a can of Mace and spray down all the shoppers in the local malls.

It's true. People invariably are tense, harried and compelled to conduct family court martials and lovers' quarrels publicly this time of year. They just as invariably choose to do this at the entrance to J.C. Penney's, in full view of the slouching Santa and the maudlin Salvation Army bellringer.

"George. I've lost little Emily."

"Grweermlphjkli," George mutters beneath the confines of bags of Woolworth's Everlast Tree-Flock and Kenner's Little Dancing Thumbalina dolls. "Emily who?"

A torrent of abuse is unleashed, while George stands chastened, quivering behind his baggage. He hopes his daughter Emily will appear soon, before she is orphaned. In the meantime, Emily Senior has released her frustrations physically, and fragments of Little Thumbalina dolls litter the mall like confetti.

Finally, little Emily reappears, musing over the results of the baby stroller demolition derby she has just won, down by the Kinderfoto booth. The family structure endures.

The holidays are often emotionally difficult times for many people, because of the emphasis on traditions, togetherness and family unity. Gay people, whether closeted or out, may have strained relationships with parents and other family members, a fact accentuated by the obligatory family activities surrounding the holidays.

Families are so visible this time of year. They clog streets, stores, movie theatres. It is easy to feel like an outcast.

As someone who is emotionally, if not physically estranged from a family structure, (it's true; I was a test tube baby), I advocate renting a family. Friends can provide an alternative to Mom-Dad-Senile Uncle Arthur-all-fighting-over-who-gets-the-last-turkey leg-at-Christmas-dinner. Wouldn't you rather share a package of Cup-A-Soup with friends who accept and understand you than a 12 course meal with cousins who stare and snicker because they've heard you're "funny, that way"?

Admittedly, many people enjoy and revel in the variety of holidays. I applaud their sentiments, and envy their attitudes. But for many people to whom the end of the year presents just another perverse season to muddle through, some advice:

- Avoid, at all costs, spending the holidays alone eating Beer Nuts and watching old Barbara Stanwyk movies. If you must feel sorry for yourself, do it right and spin the dial to something truly silly, like "Laverne and Shirley" reruns of Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom". You may feel ridiculous, but that's better than self-pity. Better yet, find some food and drink and throw a last-minute dinner party. Misery doesn't love company, because when company arrives, misery usually leaves.
- If you are prone to depression, hide all sharp objects and high school graduation photos.
- Write mean letters to people who anger you, then tear them up. The key phrase is "tear them up". Otherwise, you may not be around to worry about the holi days next year.
- Write loving letters to people who please you, and send them. They may protect you from the people you sent the mean letters to.
- Fly to Spain. Be glad you're not a bull.

If you can assimilate all the forced joyousness and alleviate that end of the year existential angst, then you are truly a whole person. So take a breath, applaud your own survival and gear up for the next holiday—Valentine's Day (enough said). ■

PLAY REVIEW 'Thousand Clowns' Was Confusing Comedy

by Stan Hadden

A Thousand Clowns by Herb Gardner was recently featured at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 25th and R Streets.

The set of **A Thousand Clowns** resembled a suburban garage sale. Toys, hats, posters, plants, books, puppets and albums were stuffed into every availabie spot of the one room apartment where the play takes place. Confusion reigned on the jumbled set before any of the characters appeared on stage, and confusion prevailed throughout the play.

Murry Burns, portrayed by Bob Peeler, is an unemployed, slovenly and unambitious individual who does not view reality quite the same way as the rest of the world does. Murry seemed to be distinctly out of touch with society, and was quite happy living a child-like and carefree life with his 12-year-old nephew. Murry lectures his neighbors through an open window and has daily telephone conversations with a weather recording. The nephew is a bright child who encourages Murry to get back to work, to no avail. Murry looked for work for five months after quitting a job as a writer for a children's show, then stopped looking for work at all. He summed his attitudes up at one point by saying "The most you should expect from life is a real good apology for all of the things you are not going to get."

Two social workers arrive to evaluate the home environment for Murry's nephew, but Murry fails to realize that he may loose custody of the boy and sets about antagonizing his visitors. The leader of the team from the Bureau of Child Welfare, Albert Admundson is an exitable and strictly by-the-book character played by Jerry Wood. When he is unable to accomplish anything on his visit, he leaves in a huff and his soft-hearted partner, Sandra Markowitz, ends up falling in love with the slovenly hero, Murry.

Renee Sprattling gave an excellent performance as Sandra Markowitz. She set about to clean up the apartment after moving in, and worked a small miracle. When Murry returns home he remarks that he felt as if he had "been attacked by *Ladies Home Journal*".

Some of the confusing aspects of this show seem to be in the script, rather than in the acting. The play sets a clear picture of an independent and witty man who refuses to take part in society. Several characters and situations help develop Murry's character, but it is difficult to identify with him as the 'hero' of the show, because he is so obnoxious. In one scene Murry tells his new love that "Women seldom sense when they become boring." Perhaps this playwright also had that problem with his script.

The lengthy production contained some tenderness and some comedy, but the play ends with several loose ends. Does Murry work out his differences with everyone he meets and go back to work? You can't be sure. The final scene has Murry marching around the room shouting, "Let's Go!, Let's Go!" I was really ready to go myself! ■

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Reviews

Lesbian/Gay Chorus Score Hit

Reviewed by Bernard Spunberg

Far greater than just the sum of its parts, "Now Sing With Hearts Aglow," the Christmas concert given jointly by the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus, directed by Robin Kay, and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, directed by Ernest L. Veniegas, Jr., was presented at Nourse Auditorium in S.F. on December 19 and 24, 1982.

The concert represented the coming together not only of the two choruses, but also of our community as a whole. All too seldom do we put aside political hairsplitting and acknowledge our contributions to each other. These women and men, lesbians and gays, collaborating in an effort the goal of which is to create and share beauty and love, provide us with an opportunity to appreciate each other that is tonic to the spirit.

The concert opened with a selection of pieces by the S.F. Lesbian/Gay Chorus and its auxiliary groups, the Chamber Chorus and the Vocal Minority, directed by Bill Ganz.

Composers ranged from the medieval Tomas Luis de Victoria and J.S. Bach to 20th century romantics Ernst Bloch and Gustav Holst, as well as works by contemporary composers and arrangers.

While tighter ensemble and richer, more homogenous blend could be imagined, Director Kay led performances of generally high quality, especially in those works performed by the smaller ensembles.

The Chamber Chorus' rendition of Holst's "Lullaby My Liking" was especially lovely and well balanced, and was highlighted by the solo soprano of Dawn Rose.

Rose sang with exceptional musicality and purity of tone. By any standards, her voice is radiant, and if it is coupled with drive and ambition, it is one we will hear a lot of in the future.

The S.F. Gay Men's Chorus has a large and loyal following and deserves it. Their regular concerts, and especially their national tour last year, have placed them on the map once and for all, and there is every reason to believe that Director Veniegas will build upon the standard of excellence established by former Director Dick Kramer.

The Chorus' theatrically conceived entrance elicited a warm welcome from the audience. Their program, too, was varied, blending novelty with tradition in works by Handel, Mendelssohn, and Vaughan Williams, as well as Randall Thompson, Meredith Willson, and Leroy Anderson.

The Lollipop Guild and the Chamber Chorus, small ensembles drawn from the Chorus, also performed beautifully, with the Guild's sexy barbershop harmonies causing jaws to drop. Their charming, lighthearted stage presence, along with their accomplished musicianship, were a positive delight.

The Chorus excelled in "O Magnum Mysterium" by Jakob Handl. The serene and mysterious 16th century harmonies of this piece, sung antiphonally with the Chorus divided between the two side aisles, wove a magical spell.

Handel's "Your Voices Raise," with its fast contrapuntal passages, posed a problem. This music is an acid test for intonation and flexibility. The performance was competent, but frustrating because the Chorus is capable of better.

The familiar but unhackneyed Christmas tunes were thrilling, especially "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," by Eddie Pola and George Wylie, arranged by Lawley Ades. No small component of the Chorus' charisma is its sex appeal, and those rich, resonant male voices joined in this infectious tune raised the roof and lots of goose bumps, too.

The high quality musicianship, chorus-baked goodies for sale, campy intermission features, closing audience sing-along, and expressions of appreciation to outgoing Director Kay, all combined to make a joyous and inspiring event. You missed it this year? Too bad, but never mind; it's an annual event. Don't make the same mistake next year. ■

San Francisco Opera: Up! Up! And Away!

by James Freese

Presumably, this was the first season planned by Terence McEwen, general director of the San Francisco Opera, a man with a catching smile and good ideas. In the press and on stage he is charming, a quality Kurt Adler never had. His tastes in opera, reportedly, run to Russian and French opera, not the traditional menu for the San Francisco public. This past season and the one to come look better on paper and as rumor than the facts have borne out or may bear out.

Friends within the sacred confines of the opera house administration report the next season as follows (and they could be 100% wrong!): Strauss' *Ariadine* with Price, Wagner's *Parsifal* with Hofmann, Puccini's *Manon Lescaut,* Tippett's *Midsummer Marriage,* Offenbach's *The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein* with Crespin, Mussorgsky's *Boris,* Verdi's *Otello* and *La Traviata,* Saint Saens' *Samson and Delilah,* and Janacek's *Katya Kabanova.*

The past season was a varied feast, and some of it succeeded very well. Verdi's *Ballo* was plagued by a poor one-shot appearance by Luciano Pavarotti, who has since disappeared from everywhere. Moldoveanu honked his way through some of the rest of the performances, obviously as much ill-at-ease as his audience. Monserrat Caballe pulled out, leaving inexperienced Rebecca Cook to gain some much needed experience. Miss Cook did well, and was very charming. She was no let-down, and if she keeps on improving this way, she will be a great Amelia someday.

Various baritones came and went, and among them we were fortunate to hear Pablo Elvira, and can hope to hear him again. He is sensitive, secure, and the voice is a jewel.

Norma was a family affair, and as with most family affairs not all went well. Miss Sutherland is an automaton on stage, and she grimaces horribly. The Sutherland sound was all there, and if you like that sort of thing you got your money's worth. Marilyn Horne sang off pitch much of the time, as did Ezio Flagello. The production was something out of a vintage post-war Italian film. The audience went wild and the critics claimed it was the best thing since the great flood.

Salome produced some nearly naked men, well-oiled, in black leather straps, decorating the stage. They did nothing else, and neither did the production, which looked like something dreamed up by High School #96 in the Bronx. The Beardslee-like costumes were a mess. Klara Barstow could not be heard, and her naked body did not help any. Helga Dernesch, bosom propped up on a green lily platform and visible through sheer net, sang like a professional, thank God!

Rossini's *La Cenerentola* is well-staged, although the excessively long first act is hard on the posterior. Marilyn Horne sang under pitch again, but the general antics were saved by the sound of a fine young tenor, Araiza. The same had been true of *Norma,* in which Mr. Mauro made a promising San Francisco debut.

Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites* makes weak men cry. Forget that the cast, for the most part, could not sing. What does that matter in opera? Just parade the great names across the stage: Price, Crespin, Vaness, Zeani, etc., chop off their heads and - voila - great theatre. Grand-Guignol theatre of this sort always works for awhile. *Le Mozze di Figaro* did Mozart justice scenically and had a strong cast.

As November approached, things got better. Chaikovskii's *Queen of Spades* was given a performance under the baton of David Agler, who understood the score perfectly and brought it to life magnificently. The production was brilliant, the singing always of a high level. Hopes were high that the opera house had come into its real stride, and that Mr. McEwen's planning was finally paying off. The same impression was continued with a super A+ performance of a B+ work, Massenet's *Cendrillon,* in which everyone shone, especially Ruth Welting as the Fairy Godmother. Both the Chaikovskii and the Massenet belong in SF Opera annals as examples of what this house can really do.

Then, well - it was downhill. Ponnelle's production of Puccini's *Tosca* works very well. The cast, however, never brought it to life. Aragall strains, Jones is too much of a Brunnhilde to be threatened in Act Two, even by Justino Diaz, who sings like a god and cuts a magnificent figure. Navarro conducted with his mind on something else. Wagner's *Lohengrin,* cleverly staged (mind you, cleverly, not successfully), failed on every account. Heinrich Hollreisiser conducted in a laissez-faire manner unbefitting his reputation (so did Adler in *Ballo*, nearly ruining the evening single-handedly). He is the handsomest thing on two feet, everyone's Lohengrin come true. Now, if the voice were only adequate! Pilar Lorengar sang well-enough, but looked like Hofmann's mother. Leonie Rysanek, a veritable miracle of the opera world, overblew all evening, often off pitch. Mr. Becht never got more than a grunt out all evening, and David Ward was the weakest King this side of Two Dot, Montana.

Two things were consistently superb all season: the orchestra, which is a tight unit of fine musicians, and the chorus, which is a superb group of fine singers who absolutely know their business. They saved *Lohengrin* - no mean feat!

Well, the great moments hold out promise of good things to come. Let's hope so. And, let's hope that the singers are available to make Mr. McEwen's dreams come true. It is a reality sorely to be desired. *Meliora,* as the Latins might say. ■

Enjoyable Entertainment Waited in the Dark at the Top of the Stairs

Reviewed by Stan Hadden

The Dark At The Top of the Stairs by William Inge played recently at Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center, 1419 H St., Sacramento.

The Dark At The Top of the Stairs is a sensitive drama about family life in America in the 1920s. All three acts of the play take place in a home in a flyspeck of a town in Oklahoma. The original set designed by Melanie Weeks was very impressive. It looked like grandmother's farmhouse, complete with lace curtains at the window, a screen door leading to the porch and a braided rug on the floor.

Under the direction of Haze Bergeron distinct and highly identifiable characters developed. Michael Beckett portrayed a traveling salesman who peddles horse harnesses, chews tobacco, and cusses a lot. Unlike his peers and neighbors, who are getting rich in the oil business, Rubin and his family are just getting by. Rubin's wife Cora, portrayed by Beverly Bowman, is a good woman who has raised two children as best as she could alone, as her husband is on the road much of the time. Cora's part is a very demanding one, and Ms. Bowman gave a stunning performance of an incredible array of emotions. The anguish and anger as Cora's husband leaves her is especially moving. As Cora counsels her daughter about dating boys, her own need for the man she loves and misses is reflected. The bubbling joy and laughter expressed over her irrepressible son is genuine.

Wendy Farnsworth played the 16 year old daughter, Reenie, who is beautiful and talented, but an extremely shy girl. Wendy is a golden girl who glowed in her role, especially as she relives the moment of her first kiss. Reenie's younger brother Sonny was portrayed by Damon Rago, who was an audience favorite.

The children love their father, but he is gruff, unapproachable, and unable to express his emotions. Cora begs her husband to find another line of work so that he can spend more time with the family, but he enjoys being away most of the time. He feels that Cora has been overly protective of their children, but is unwilling to assume any responsibility other than providing food on the table and a house to live in. His background is in ranching, and he treats Cora more as a brood mare than as a wife.

After 17 years of marriage Cora and Rubin have a bitter fight. As he storms out of the house, Cora cries out for him never to return and resolves to get by without him. She seeks comfort and help from her sister and brother-in-law from Oklahoma City. Sister Lottie was brilliantly portrayed by Gene Gould. She is an ample, overbearing woman whose incessant chatter adds a great deal of humor to the show. Lottie's voracious appetite for food and gossip cannot be satisfied. Ken Thorley played Lottie's husband Morris, a sweet and compassionate man who has almost given up on speaking for himself, as Lottie never gives him an opportunity to do so. Morris is not able to vocalize with Lottie around, but his exasperation with her is very evident and quite humorous if you watched Mr. Thorley closely.

This show had a good deal of humor and poignancy during the first and second acts. The pace of the show slowed considerably during the final act as a tragic event causes Cora and her children to face life with all of its fears and unknowns head on.

The Dark At The Top of the Stairs was an economical, entertaining and enjoyable way to spend an evening. ■

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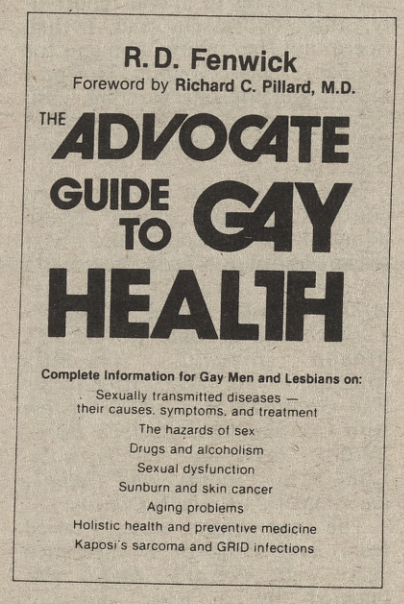
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The new expanded edition of the "Advocate Guide to Gay Health" has finally arrived in an attractive **lavender** paperback. It is must reading for gay men in this era of frightening developments and concern in the area of health and maintenance of well being. The book addresses many issues in the following areas: sources of health care, sexual transmitted diseases, hazards of sex (S&M, suffocation, fisting, toys, rape, water sports, anal intercourse), sexual dysfunction, alcohol and other drugs, aging, AIDS, holistic health and ends with a comprehensive listing of gay community services. It is well written and concise providing excellent information in readable English, a difficult task to accomplish in a short book for a public not necessarily well versed in the foreign language of medicine.

Two problems remain with this second editon - two which I found present in the first edition as well.

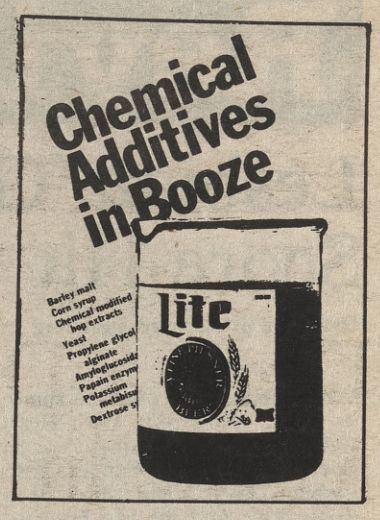
The first is lack of equal time devoted to women's health issues. Yes, the author includes a section on vaginitis and a chapter on STDs and looks at sexual dysfunction in women. Nevertheless, if it is to advertise itself as providing "complete information for gay men and lesbians on..." it needs to greatly expand its coverage on such issues as uterine, cervical and breast cancer with a separate chapter on these diseases. Other issues that could be discussed in this chapter would include artificial contraception, raising children in two-women households, etc. It should be noted that the book does devote a short five pages in a book of some 210 to some of these issues.

My second problem with this edition is the dilemma of how to translate medical information to a public that is not necessarily familiar with the language of medicine. The author overall appears to take the approach of condensing and distilling information. In doing so, he makes his book intelligent and readily readable; nevertheless as a consequence, he pays the price of overgeneralization. This tends to make a medical issue which is more complex seem simpler and more easily understood. However, it may provide misinformation especially if the reader were to compare his/her own experience with disease and its treatment with what is presented as recommended diagnostic tests and treatment in the book. Perhaps my own experience as a health care provider and writer makes me particularly sensitive to this issue, but in spite of my objections in this area I continue to marvel at how readable this book truly is. Without hesitation I recommend it to all gay men; for lesbians, I still suggest looking elsewhere for more comprehensive coverage of women's health issues. ■

Test Tube Booze

TEST TUBE BOOZE, Chemical Additives In Booze, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Michael Jacobson, Executive Director; Michael Lipske, Author, 133 pages, $4.95

Reviewed by Mark Vandervelden

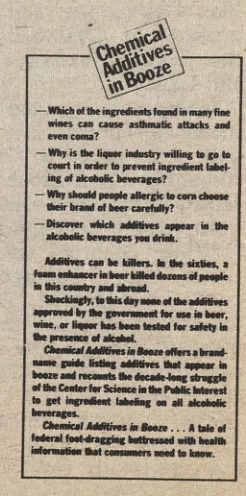


Your throat is parched. It's time to go for the gusto and the downstream stuff just won't do. You saddle up to the bar and order a cold tall glass of...what? Remarkably, in an age when whole bureaucracies exist to research, test, label, warn, or otherwise implore us to avoid even the most minute hazards of modern life, there is still no way to tell if that alcoholic beverage your quaffing is a chemical soup or not. The label won't tell you, for example, that when it's Miller time, it is also time for a dose of propylene glycol alginate, amyloglucosidase, potassium metabisulfite, and other tongue twisters. Nor will the label reveal the amounts of agar-agar, ammonium hydroxide and phosphate, or ion exchange resins that can be found in many wines.

"So what," you say, "everything causes cancer these days." Indeed, in almost every aspect of modern life we take risks, be they financial, health related, or life and death. For the most part, however, we assume those risks based on some reasonable amount of information about what we are getting into. As "Chemical Additives in Booze" succinctly points out, as far as booze is concerned, we don't know what were getting, how much, or for that matter - why.

Competition in the alcoholic beverage industry is intense. As a result, brewers are under constant pressure to find new ways to improve their products appearance and shelf life. That's where the panoply of stabilizers, anti-gushing agents, clarifiers, and preservatives come into play. Although these chemicals may increase the appeal of the product (and no doubt it's profitability), they pose potentially serious risks to human health. Some of the chemicals that have found their way into alcoholic beverages are known cancer causing agents. Others have turned out to be powerful allergins. As one chemistry professor in the book points out, "as much sulfur dioxide can be ingested by drinking one glass of wine as would be inhaled in one week breathing urban air at the pollution limit set by the EPA.

"Chemical Additives in Booze" is more than a laundry list of laboratory horrors. The book tells the story of industrial intransigence


Chemical Additives in Booze
— Which of the ingredients found in many fine wines can cause asthmatic attacks and even coma?
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Additives can be killers. In the sixties, a foam enhancer in beer killed dozens of people in this country and abroad.
Shockingly, to this day none of the additives approved by the government for use in beer, wine, or liquor has been tested for safety in the presence of alcohol.
Chemical Additives in Booze offers a brand-name guide listing additives that appear in booze and recounts the decade-long struggle of the Center for Science in the Public Interest to get ingredient labeling on all alcoholic beverages.
Chemical Additives in Booze ... A tale of federal foot-dragging buttressed with health information that consumers need to know.

and governmental foot dragging on the whole question of "truth in labeling". The industry hides behind the protective shield of "trade secrets" and the familiar rhetoric attacking governmental interference as inflationary and expensive to consumers. Government meanwhile, has been stifled by bureaucratic infighting and the political clout of the alcohol and chemical additive industry.

The book also points out that alternatives are available. The first step CSPI recommends is a requirement for honest labelling of booze. As society gradually focuses more attention on the health and economic impact of alcohol, a showdown on that issue is gradually brewing. "Chemical Additives in Booze" is a valuable new study which will help bring the confrontation to a head. ■

Lesbian Poetry Sought

Brook Hallock and Dina Maiben are seeking poetry submissions for a National Lesbian Anthology to be published in 1983. Poetry may be unpublished or published with credits and permission. Deadline is March 15, 1983. Enclose $3 reading fee for submission of up to six poems and SASE. Check or money order should be made out to Lavender Icing. Address submissions to Leigh Perez-Diotima, 146 Lincoln St., #1, Salt Lake City, Utah 94102. ■

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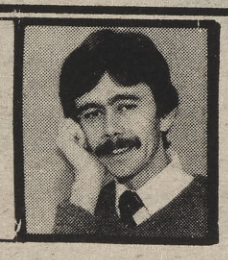

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Film Reviews

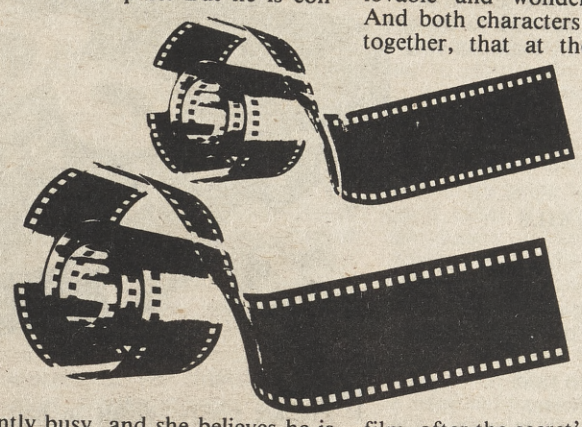
"Tootsie" - Dustin Hoffman Dons a Dress in the Funniest Movie in Years

Reviewed by Jim Fitzpatrick

Every once in a while, a comedy comes along that transcends the tiresome, slapstick, predictable characteristics of the genre. Underneath the obvious jokes lies a current of sophistication—meaningful ironies and believable situations that make a comedy a genuine classic.

"Tootsie" is such a movie. Not only is it one of the past several year's best, and certainly most entertaining films, it also poses real questions about sexism, human understanding and the arts. Dustin Hoffman portrays Michael Dorsey, an off-Broadway actor whose opinionated acting ideals prevent directors from working with him. In a valiant effort to earn money, Dorsey steps into dress and wig, emerges as Dorothy Michaels, and lands a leading role in a soap opera.

Complications arise when Michael, as Dorothy, becomes a huge celebrity. The soap opera's ratings shoot up three points, and Dorothy simultaneously appears on the cover of *Ms., TV Guide,* and, with Andy Warhol, on *People.* To Michael/Dorothy's chagrin, an unread clause in his contract binds him to the show for another year. Naturally, he must keep his true identity a secret. This does not go over well in his personal relationships, for the only people who know are his agent and his best friend/roommate. To make the situation more complicated, Michael's roommate, played by Bill Murray, thinks Michael is gay. The woman Michael falls in love with, Julie Nichols, the soap opera's heroine (Jessica Lange), assumes Dorothy is a lesbian, after one particularly telling evening. Michael/Dorothy's girlfriend (Teri Garr) who had originally auditioned for Dorothy's role, does not know Michael is the "woman" who won the part. But he is constantly busy, and she believes he is having an affair. Julie Nichol's father falls in love with Dorothy and proposes marriage. And the actor who plays an older doctor on the soap opera, who also falls for Dorothy, takes to singing below her window at night.



As Michael's real-life soap opera becomes more and more complicated, he tries to break his ties with his role on the TV soap. But his popularity is so intense, he is stuck. Until the film's hilarious climax, that is.

In what is surely the most challenging role of his career, Dustin Hoffman pulls **Tootsie** off flawlessly. As Michael Dorsey, he is a believable, uncomplicated actor who, as Julie puts it, discovers just how "confusing it is to be a woman in the eighties." As Dorothy, he is compassionate, lovable and wonderfully campy. And both characters work so well together, that at the end of the film, after the secret's out, Michael Dorsey the character and Dustin Hoffman the actor can truly say, "I was a better man as a woman with a woman than I've ever been as a man with a woman."

Hoffman is surrounded by a cast that helps make high comedy out of situation comedy. The film takes many risks and it wins every challenge. This is a comedy of the highest caliber. You'll laugh, you'll cry. And you'll leave the theater loving a character named Dorothy Michaels, alias "Tootsie." ■

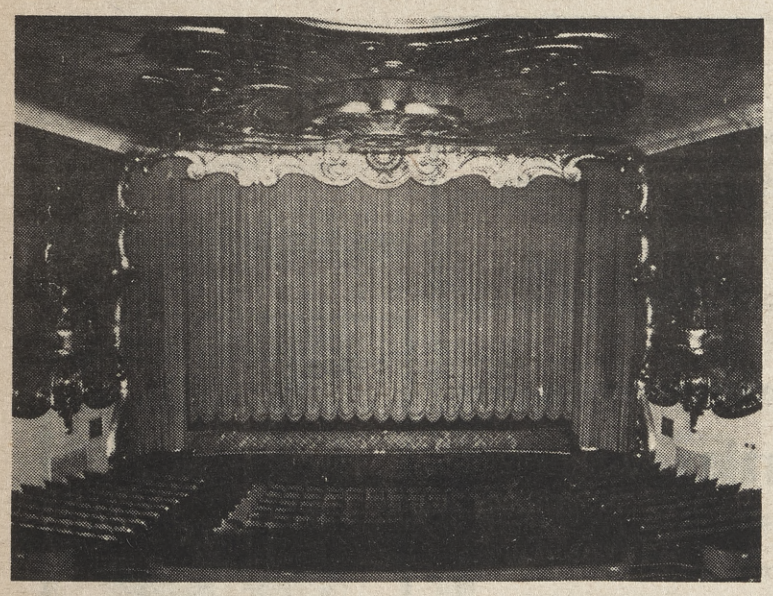
Lesbian Mothers Wanted for Film

We are producing a film about lesbians who decide to have children after they've come out. Although there are lesbians who've done this, the topic remains largely undiscussed and very few resources on the subject exist. Occasional articles appear and support groups have sprung up in some urban areas. The documentary film we are making will start to fill in this gap by providing specific information (how people get pregnant, legal ramifications, etc.), role models for lesbians considering becoming mothers, and a context in which to think about the questions which arise.

We are writing to ask your readers for their help. We are looking for lesbians who: have had children since coming out; are pregnant; or are seriously considering motherhood. We would like to hear from as many women as possible, both those who might be willing to appear in the film as well as from those who would not. All of your stories will help us shape the film's content.

If you are involved in a pregnancy (yourself or as a friend or lover of a lesbian who is), please write us or pass this request on to someone who is. Once we hear from you, we'll explain the project and what we'd like to know in greater depth. All information we receive will be confidential. Our address is 46 Bay State Avenue, #2, Somerville, MA 02144.

Crest Theatre Celebrates 70 Years With Fundraising Extravaganza



The 70-year-old Crest Theatre in downtown Sacramento once played host to California's most powerful and important people. But, passing years and the shift to suburban movie theatres took their toll on the Crest. In recent years, outside interests planned demolition of the historic structure, believing it had outlived its usefulness.

Fearing the Crest would end up like the "Alhambra" and "Fox" theatres (both razed), local citizens began a movement to save it. These "Save the Crest" efforts attracted widespread publicity and support. Our current effort is a continuation of that initial grassroots movement.

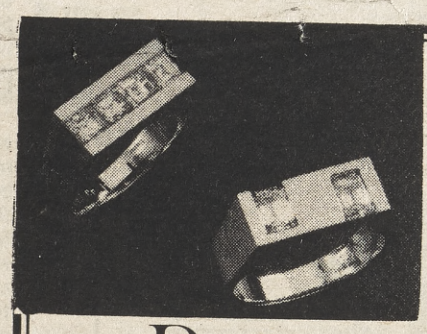
Plans now are underway to turn this magnificent theatre into a cultural arts center—while preserving its beauty and historical value. The building will be renovated, a thrust stage constructed, and dining tables added.

At night, we'll present dinner-theatre shows such as "Kismet," "Grease," and "Camelot." By day, the theatre will house the newly created "Sacramento Guild for the Performing Arts." The Guild's purpose is to provide educational and theatrical opportunities and help bring more culture to the Sacramento area.

To accomplish the above-stated goals, we're in the process of raising approximately one-million dollars to restore the Crest and begin Guild operations.

The "Crest Commemorative," celebrating the theatre's 70th Anniversary, is a fundraising extravaganza to benefit the Sacramento Guild for the Performing Arts and to help raise funds to rescue the historic structure from possible demolition. Performances are scheduled for January 19-23, 1983 including a special matinee with a $5.00 discount for senior citizens on January 23. Tickets are avaiiable at the Crest Box Office, 1013 K Street Mall, the Howe Avenue Box Office, Community Center Box Office, Ticketron, Tower Records, and all regular outlets. The tax deductible donation is $20.00.

Free "Crest Commemorative" posters, designed by Frank Carson Design and valued at $5.50, will be given free to all who purchase tickets prior to January 1 and to everyone who attends the gala performance on the 19th (black tie optional). ■



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The Closet Gourmet

by Robert D. Salgado

New Year's day for me means a fresh beginning, a chance to start anew and possibly discarding old habits. I resolve to make no resolutions. Thereby avoiding berating myself all the way through the coming year for unkept promises. Instead, I'll just stick to my basic philosophy "You're never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true, you may have to work for it, though."

No New Year would be complete without football-bowl-game-mania!! There are 20 different bowl games, everything from the Rose Bowl to the Super Bowl. So, for you armchair quarterbacks who are tired of the same old chip and dip routine, I have several different taste treats for you to enjoy as you sit riveted in front of your set.

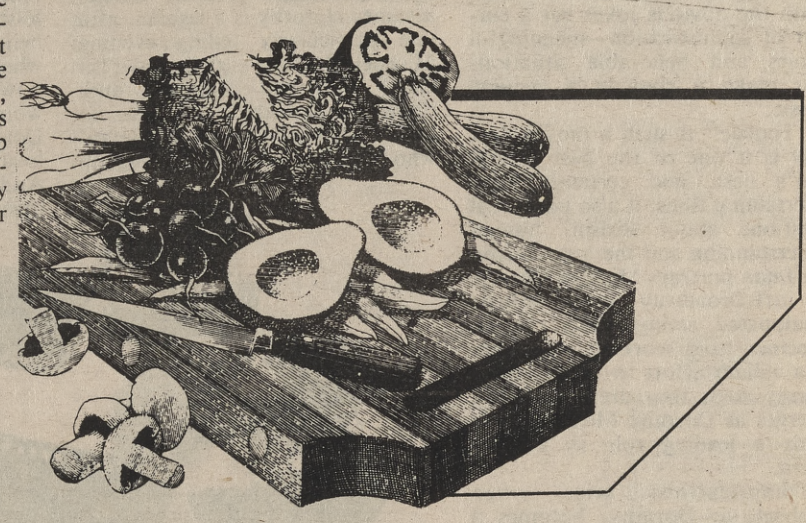
BIG RED COCKTAILS

12 servings
1 qt. tomato juice, chilled
4 cans of beer, 16 oz. each, chilled
12 green onions
red pepper sauce to taste
salt and pepper to taste

Pour ⅓ c. tomato juice into 12 chilled glasses. Divide each can of beer between every three glasses, serve cocktail with green onion as stirrer, pass the salt and pepper and the red pepper sauce. Ahhh..

QUARTER-BACK QUICHES

Pastry for two crust pie
12 slices bacon, crispy fried, crumbled
1 c. shredded swiss, 4 oz.
⅓ c. finely chopped green onion
2 Tbsp. snipped parsley
4 eggs, beaten
2 c. whipping cream
¾ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. red pepper sauce
paprika



Procedure:

1. Prepare pastry, divide in half, roll each half in a 12 inc. circle, cut into smaller circles with a 3 inch cutter. Fit into 2½ in. tartlet pans.
2. Heat oven to 425°. Sprinkle crumbled bacon, cheese, onion and parsley into pans. Beat eggs slightly, beat in whipping cream, add salt, sugar and red pepper sauce.
3. Pour mixture carefully over bacon mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. A note of caution: be careful not to overfill the little shells.
4. Bake at 425° for 5 min. Then reduce to 300° and bake for 20 min. more.

TIP: For an even faster snack, start with frozen uncooked pastry shells.

BACKFIELD BITES

8 slices of bacon
1 clove garlic
1 can saurkraut, drained, 16 oz.
½ c. mashed potatoes
1 Tsp. snipped parsley
1½ c. finely crushed cornflake cereal
2 Tsp. caraway seed
2 eggs, beaten
½ c. finely chopped onion

STEP 1. Fry bacon until crisp, drain and crumble. Pour off all fat from pan except 2 Tsp. Cook and stir onion and garlic in fat until onion is tender. Remove from heat. Stir in saurkraut, mashed potatoes, parsley and bacon. Drop rounded teaspoon fulls onto waxed paper, gently form into a ball with two spoons.

Mix seed and cereal, dip each saurkraut ball in egg mixture and roll in cereal crumbs.

Heat oil 3 to 4 deep in a kettle, deep fry balls until golden brown, about 30 to 45 seconds. Drain on paper towel. Serve hot.

All of the above should be enjoyed with good friends and a cold brew. Have a safe and sane New Year. And most of all..... ENJOY!!■

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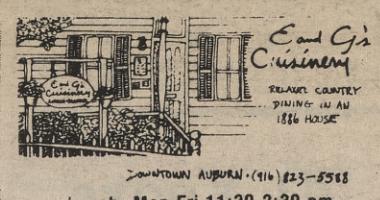

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FIASCO, 1802 L St., 448-6095

Reviewed by Mark Vandervelden

There should be little doubt at this point that downtown Sacramento is in the midst of a rebirth of sorts. Parts of the central city are becoming decidedly trendy and upscale, the result of an influx of young professionals with disposable income. Cafes, boutiques, desert and ice cream parlors, catering to the new downtown crowd, are popping up regularly. FIASCO! near the corner of 18th and L St. has, in the few short months it has been open, cut a distinctive niche for itself as a tasteful and comfortable eating and drinking establishment.

Bob Liner, owner of Fiasco with his wife Devon, has sought to create an environment of understated elegance. "I want people in the summertime to come in in shorts and not worry about it, but I want, at the same time, to have people feel just as comfortable coming in with a tuxedo after the symphony. I never wanted anything so snootty, so highfalutin, that people would actually feel intimidated." Whether Liner has achieved his goal is, of course, a matter of individual preference. I have found myself equally comfortable eating croissant and drinking expresso in the morning, sharing an antipasto plate for lunch, or gourging myself on deserts after the movies.

Fiasco! is both a retail wine store (over 400 labels, predominately California varietals) and a light meal restaurant. "I never intended for people to come in for the food. The food is light, in the form of platters to accompany the wine." Indeed, everything about Fiasco! centers around the idea of wine as, in a sense, a lifestyle. Although the selection of food is small, it is consistently prepared with high quality ingredients and with attention to detail of presentation. My favorites are the antipasto and tapas plates and the ceviche. The tapas plate comes with a unique Spanish potato salad and a rich creamy goat cheese that melts in your mouth. The bowl of ceviche is made of fresh red snapper in a tangy marinade of lime juice, spices, celantro, and tomatoes. Served chilled, it is the perfect accompaniment to a dry Chenin Blanc or Sauvignon Blanc.

Fiasco! has built up a brisk morning trade around its selections of espresso coffees and croissants. As a bit of a croissant connoiseur myself, I must admit that it doesn't take much effort to find considerably better buttery rolls elsewhere. Still, for a quiet, civilized start on the day, there are precious few places downtown that can match Fiasco!

Ah yes, the wine. Liner is seeking to restore the traditional role of the wine merchant, emphasizing personal service and experience. "People come in and put their trust in you, and the only way people are going to find out about good value is through their wine merchant. People aren't shy. About 99% of the wine business is done through suggestion. That's why we serve wine by the glass—people like to experiment." Liner regularly changes his selections-by-the-glass so that customers can try a wine before shelling out the $7-$12 many labels command. Liner also briefs his staff on a weekly basis, so that they too, can offer suggestions and guidance to customers.

In addition to the food and wine, Fiasco! also serves as a mini-gallery of sorts for Rara Avis gallery. Selections of photographs and other artwork rotate on a regular basis. Liner is also hosting weekly wine tastings for the Northern California Wine Society, and has published his first newsletter.

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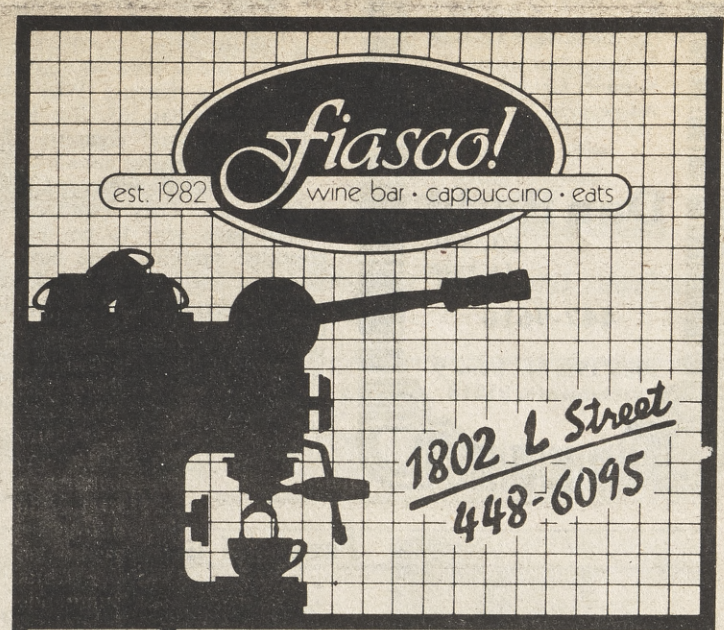

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The continuing medical column with something to offend everyone now discusses cigarette smoking...

One third of adults smoke, and most of them wish they didn't.

According to the World Health Organization, smoking is the largest single preventable cause of bad health in the world. Each cigarette shortens your life by six minutes. The one and two pack-a-day smoker knocks off four and eight years of life respectively.

1983 will be the year, for the first-time, that lung cancer exceeds breast cancer as the number 1 killer in women. You've come a long way, baby.

It is said that if smokers could just see more easily on the outside what cigarettes were doing to their insides, they'd quit. For example, if these effects were worn on the skin, there'd be blisters, cancers, ulcers, huge black spots and collections of foul-smelling pus. But for the most part, the damage is hidden inside blood vessels, coronaries, and lungs.

Except for wrinkles. Gays and lesbians would protect their skin and vanity if they stopped smoking. There are striking photographs showing premature wrinkling among smokers. A 50-year-old smoker's skin can look 15-20 years older.

Now it is increasingly socially unacceptable to smoke. Smoking is unpleasant to be around. It is no longer considered sexy and may actually create a more negative than positive image of a person. Smokers boarding planes find the no-smoking sign stuck farther and farther toward the back. Pretty soon the smoking section will be out on the wing!

A recent movie entitled 'Death in the West' (suppressed by the tobacco industry) shows former Marlboro men now riding in their saddles with half their jaws and faces gone from head and neck cancer. Or these macho men now carry a pack of oxygen with them instead of the cigarettes that gave them emphysema.

If there were a medicine as dangerous as cigarettes, it would certainly be taken off the market. It is surprising that the MOST dangerous product in the United States cigarettes, is the only one NOT regulated by some government agency.

There are over 2,000 different chemicals from a burning cigarette. In fact, chemicals are ADDED to ensure your cigarette stays burning longer. It would seem another right of the non-smoker would be NOT to be burned to death by the forgotten-but-still burning cigarette on his neighbor's furniture. Yet, there may soon be a law requiring that all furniture should be fire-resistant for at least 10 minutes to a smoldering cigarette. Why should non-smokers pay this cost when a self-extinguishing cigarette is a safer, less-expensive answer?

The tobacco industry is not helping out. They spend over $1 billion each year to be sure you continue smoking. The next time you see a tobacco billboard, analyze how they've connected the cigarette to enjoyment, maturity or youth and clean but 'foxy' living. Recent memos from the tobacco industry show they wish to connect smoking with pot, wine, beer, sex, etc. Cigarettes then would seem attractive to young minds as an 'illicit' but seductive introduction to the adult world.

STOPPING

So why don't smokers just quit? Because it's not easy. It may be easier to kick heroin than stop smoking. Only 10% of those that try are successful.

But progress is being made. 30,000,000 Americans have quit smoking. Only 3-5% of medical students smoke now; no physician would dare light up in front of his non-smoking colleagues.

How to quit? Cold-turkey.

DON'T make a New Year's resolution: "I'll never smoke again." You're setting yourself up for a big failure. Then you'll have lower self-esteem and more disgust with yourself. And you'll just reinforce your defense system with "see, I knew I couldn't quit."

Instead, try something more positive such as "I chose NOT to smoke," the motto of the Five Day Plan mentioned later. Use AA tactics: One Day At A Time.

Smokers harassed into stopping smoking rarely succeed. So start your own list of reasons and prepare for Q Day (quitting day).

An excellent low-cost anti-smoking clinic available around the world is the Five-Day-Plan which is having its 20th anniversary with over 14,000,000 quitters. It is $25 ($20 pre-registration) for five sensible nights of lectures, support groups, booklets, psychology, scare tactics and cojoling. It has a high success rate, and, like AA, even has maintenance support groups to prevent backsliding.

Don't be afraid to suffer a little. Many people are surprised at how easy it is. On the other hand, if there were always an easy way to stop smoking, there'd be no smokers because they ALL wish they'd quit (check it out yourself; ask 'em).

Early this year nicotine gum will go on the market and maybe make it easier to overcome the smoking habit. Increasingly, it looks as if the nicotine fix is one of the more addicting aspects of smoking, and perhaps the new gum will alleviate some of those cravings during withdrawal. Watch for its release.

Many smokers DO quit but only temporarily. A common denominator to their lighting up again seems to be the first puff weeks later at a cocktail party. Alcohol seems to be the natural lubricant that makes it easier to fall back on old habits. Stay away from those dangerous situations. In fact, stay away from your old drinking and smoking cronies in your early withdrawal. Remember you were addicted to nicotine. You were a tobacco junkie. And like alcoholics, once you've quit, you've got to stay on the wagon. Never flirt with tobacco. Once you take a puff, you're a smoker again. ■

Sacramento Physicians Host Open Public Forum for Gay Men

by Sandy Pomerantz, M.D.

On Saturday, January 8, 1983, Drs. Sandy Pomerantz and Harvey Thompson will be hosting an open public forum on the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), formerly known as the "gay skin cancer" and the "gay pneumonia". The focus will be primarily on implications for life style rather than a medical conference per se. A four hour forum is planned, one hour being devoted to the latest medical update presented by the two doctors followed by a three hour discussion period.

A number of esteemed guest panelists from both San Francisco and Sacramento will be present to engage the audience in dialogue. These guest panelists include Cleve Jones, head of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation in San Francisco; Jim Geary, a psychotherapist form San Francisco who works with AIDS victims and their significant others through the Shanti Project, a support group for people with life-threatening illnesses; Tom Kelter, an epidemiologist who works with the Center for Disease Control and State Helath Department; Jeff Richards, a San Francisco representative of the National Gay Health Education Task Force; and Marty Rogers, a psychotherapist in Sacramento who has done a great deal of counseling in his private practice with gay male clients who have had some very realistic anxieties and fears about AIDS. In addition, two AIDS victims, one from San Francisco and one from Sacramento may join the panel.

The conference will be held at Sutter General Hospital auditorium on 28th Street between L Street and Capital. There will be no admission charge. The free conference is made possible because of the donations of the following groups and bars:

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Any extra funds will be sent to the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation. If any members of the audience are so inclined, they may donate funds to the KS Foundation.

Harvey and I hope your holiday season is truly a time of healthful rejuvenation. We look forward to seeing you at the conference so that all of you can make the decisions concerning your life style that can help maintain your well being. ■

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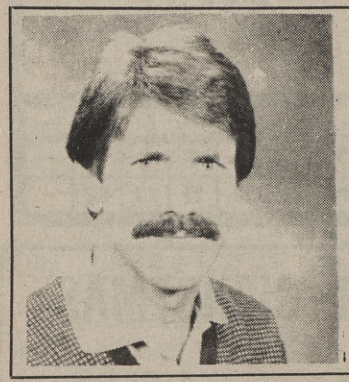

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Privacy Study . . .
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THE ROOTS OF PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

The roots of our nation's traditional protection of privacy can be found in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments to the Constitution. Still, an absolute right to privacy is never explicitly spelled out. As recently as five years ago the Supreme Court wrote: *The concept of a constitutional right of privacy still remains largely undefined. There are at least three facets that have been partially revealed, but their form and shape remain to be fully ascertained. The first is the right of the individual to be free in his private affairs from government surveillance and intrusion. The second is the right of an individual not to have his private affairs made public by the government. The third is the right of an individual to be free in action, thought, experience, and belief from government intrusion. Whalen v. Roe (1977).*

The Commission Report examined three areas of personal privacy. These roots provide the basic grounding for and scope of the right to privacy. The root most commonly thought of in the privacy context is **territorial privacy,** which insulates one from intrusions in specific locations, including one's home and anywhere else one has a reasonable expectation of privacy or reasonable desire to be left alone.

Informational privacy is also commonly understood as an important aspect of the right. This area shields one from unfair and unnecessary collection and dissemination of personal information.

Not as obvious, but of equal importance and significance in people's lives, is the aspect of the right which is called **decisional or associational privacy.** This area, sometimes also called "freedom of choice," protects one from interference in one's decisions and inclinations regarding one's personality and one's relationships and any other manifestations of the exercise of autonomy over one's body, mind, and emotions.

In all three of the above areas of personal privacy, gays and lesbians face unwarranted intrusions by government and other vital institutions. Territorial privacy rights have been breached by laws prohibiting private consentual sexual acts in places where one might reasonably expect privacy. Informational privacy is threatened by the vast amount of routine record keeping we are all subject to. The Report states: *"Informational privacy rights are also often violated in the context of sexual orientation discrimination. Persons who are suspected of homosexual activity or tendencies may be the subjects of interrogation or surveillance, the object of which is to ferret out homosexuals in order to punish them or deny them jobs, housing, or other benefits."*

"Especially when one is in a very vulnerable profession, such as teaching in public schools, the security of informational privacy is of critical importance. If questions about sexual orientation are asked, being dishonest or less than candid in response may provide grounds enough for dismissal or denial of employment. If one answers honestly, one may risk the charge of immorality and suffer the consequences of dismissal. Or one may be required to submit to psychiatric examination for further study."

"Invasions of informational privacy also occur in jobs requiring security clearances, those involving law enforcement, and in military settings. Further, such issues are found in immigration and naturalization, child custody, and government surveillance cases."

Decisional privacy is less definative, but nonetheless an important right for gay people. These rights get to the heart of one's freedom to choose a partner, a lifestyle, or family arrangement without fear that official discrimination will result.

The Report makes a strong link between personal privacy and sexual orientation. Many of the historic rationales for invading the privacy of gay people are rooted in myths. The Commission Report addresses many of those myths in an effort to dispel lingering prejudices, and recommends a number of steps to be taken by government to weed out myth infested lawbooks.

Beyond the philosophical meanderings, however, are a series of practical, no-nonsense recommendations to change the laws which reinforce government sanctioned invasions of privacy and discrimination. The areas investigated include criminal justice, employment, housing, consumer issues, family matters, immigration, and health issues. The scope and breadth of the 500 page study is impressive. The conclusions significant. The recommendations are detailed, practical, and urgent. Overall, the Report and the Commission's work are a fitting cap to Governor Jerry Brown's tenure in office, a period in which gay people enjoyed unprecedented political access and progress. The question at this point is whether the work of the Commission will sit on a dusty shelf, or whether the important next step of implementation takes place. The Commission's Report, if nothing else, has established in many ways the political agenda for gay rights for many years to come. ■

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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report,* the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment,* of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment.* We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.